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INDIAN AFFAIRS.
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1880

R. H. Pratt
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Council

May 7. 80

Requests authority
to use funds of
this yr. for subs. of
rations, for such
articles of food
as to him seems
best. &c

Transferred to "A. May" 11/80
amend May 18/80.

J. M. Pugh

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 7th, 1880

Hon R. E. Trowbridge
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir.

It is very desirable to give variety of food to the children here, guided by the needs at the time, and the supply of the season. Just now the physician recommends an abundance of milk.

I request authority, in the use of the funds at my disposal for the purchase of rations this quarter, enabling me to buy such articles of food as in my discretion seems best, limiting the outlay to Seventeen and one half (17½) Cent. per day per capita, which is about what the Nation costs.

The Army ration, which the Dept. has allowed me in the Army, by the sale of farts saved, and the proceeds being invested in other articles of food not on the allowance table is made to give the men a much greater variety. That course here would place me at a disadvantage and evoke criticism.

For that Reason I request this general authority
that I may be free from suspicion. The amount
I ask is one and one half cents less than the Army
Nation cost the troops, here before my arrival.

The present indications are that next quarter
will not require as large a per Capita allowance.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

R. H. Pratt

1st Lt. 10th Cav'y

In Charge