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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1880

E. J. Brooks, Chief Clerk of Indian Office,  
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst marked "Miscell P 783. 788-'80" I have to say that my letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. in reference to taking the children into Camp, by detachments, during the hot months, was based upon a full understanding with the Hon Com-  
missioner of Indian Affairs, had in conversation with him in Washington during my recent visit, and again when meeting him in New York; that he as the head of the Department fully concurred in the wisdom of such a move, and directed me to state the case and make application for the tents and he would submit the matter to the Hon. The Secretary of the Interior with a favorable endorsement. It is evident from your letter, that I should have stated these facts in my letter, so that in his absence the Office

might at least be informed of his concurrence.

In reference to the matter of Tin Ware & Hameps, the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs was himself present and participated in all that was said on this subject, and my use of the term "Board" in my letter, was designed to include all those whom I met in New York engaged in supervizing the purchase of Supplies, either of the Board of ~~the~~ Indian Commissioners, the Indian Office, or Department of the Interior, all of which bodies were represented and seemed to have some authority in the matter. I might have been more careful in the choice of a word naming the body I referred to; but I desire to say that there is no grounds for your emphasized information in regard to the rights of the Department as distinguished from the Board of Indian Commissioners to which I suppose you refer, as I am directly well informed on that matter.

As I am on the ground and immediately responsible, and must insist upon the exercise of my own judgement so long as I remain in charge here, and as I believe my plans for the summer to be the best

that can be devised, and am sure I have the cordial  
Concurrence of the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
and believe I would have of the Hon the Secretary  
of the Interior were he as well acquainted with the  
facts as the Commissioner, which he would have  
been had the Commissioner himself received my  
letter, Your declaration that it is not the desire  
of the office that the children should be taken into  
Camp and that my Request to purchase tents will  
not be granted, needs to be reconsidered.

An Estimate of Material required in the man-  
-ufacture of Wagons will be sent at an early day, and  
a list of such Manufactured Articles we may have on  
hand on the 1<sup>st</sup> of proximo will be transmitted.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
R. H. Pratt  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav'y  
In charge