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R. Y. C. Pratt,  
 Washington, D.C.,  
 Sept. 15, 1880.  
 Wants to expend  
 \$800, for heating  
 apparatus for school  
 at Carlisle Barracks.

To Dept Sept 18/80  
 Cust Sept 23/80  
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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, 1880.

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have received notice of the action of the Interior Department in denying the funds for steam heating of the different buildings at Carlisle Canacks & appreciate the fact that there is so much cost connected with it & so little money available. The necessity for increasing our heating arrangements will demand quite an addition in the number of stoves already on hand & my last winter's experience on the boys' quarters drives me to provide some better means than we then had,

for heating. While the girls were comparatively free from colds during the winter, the boys suffered constantly. In the girls' quarters I had hot air furnaces <sup>and</sup> they were under the supervision of the lady teachers, In the boys' quarters we had stoves <sup>and</sup> I had a man to care for them most of the time but still there were so many that a great deal had to be trusted to the boys. I feel it to be so necessary that there should be an arrangement for heating the boys' quarters that I can control night <sup>and</sup> day <sup>and</sup> regulate the heat properly, that I have undertaken to raise through charitable means funds sufficient to put a heating apparatus in the buildings occupied by the boys.

I have had careful estimates made and find that it will cost three hundred dollars

I have mentioned it to friends of the school  
and have some-what over \$300 for this purpose,

I am met constantly by the argument, that  
it is a Government work and Government ought  
to do it. And now I have thought it best to put the  
matter again before the Department and ask  
that it will help me in accomplishing the  
plan of heating the boys' quarters. I would  
respectfully request that I might be allow-  
ed to spend \$800, to add to what I have  
already secured and something more I have  
reasonable hope of getting to put in the boys'  
quarters, a suitable heating apparatus. I am  
satisfied from what I can learn on the sub-  
ject that the amount saved in coal alone  
in three years will cover this outlay.

Very respectfully

R. H. Pratt

T. In charge of School.