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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., November 9, 1880.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report my return from a trip to Wisconsin & Dakota for Indian children under authority of your letter of the 6th ultimo. I left here on the 14th of October & returned on the 6th of November. I first visited the Menominee Agency in Wisconsin & arranged with Agent Stevens for the five children authorized from his agency. I found both children & parents very anxious to patronize Carlisle school & it would have been as easy to get twenty five as five.

Agent Stephens informed me that the Creidox who was forty five miles from the agency was very anxious to send children. I then proceeded to La Pointe Agency. It seemed after talking with the Indians and Agent Hahau that there would be no difficulty in getting the number of children allowed from that agency. I arranged with both Agents Hahau & Stephens to

meet me with their delegations in Milwaukee on the
2^d of November. We went forward to the Sixteen Agency.

I found that the death of Chief Penwill's son had
produced an unfavorable influence, still there were more
children of good than I was authorized to bring. A number
too, had to be rejected on account of scrofulous, consump-
tive tendencies.

I started from that agency on the 2nd instant
with four girls & four boys all bright, satisfactory and
healthy subjects. When I reached Milwaukee I found
a telegram from Agent Mahan saying "No go, they
all back out". Agent Stephens met me with his five
& two additional which completed the number - fif-
teen - allowed to the two agencies, the Sixteen & Green
Bay. These children are all within the ages prescribed
& bright, healthy & promising subjects.

Your order stated "For Carlisle of Hampton".
My idea was that the Chippewas from their being
water Indians located on the great lakes might do
better at Hampton than those who have been sent there.

I informed all of the agents & parents that I
came here to take children for either Hampton or

Children as they might elect. Both the Menom-
onee & the Sisseton sent their children with me with
the expressed desire that they should remain here & go
too when I brought forward the matter at the Ship-
kewa agency the old chiefs who had been here & vis-
ited the place said that they had been here & they
had not been at Hampton & they thought it would
be better to keep the children at Carlisle.

I had from the Chicago & North Western
R.R. Co's office in Milwaukee in accordance with
your orders eleven whole tickets from Milwaukee
to Carlisle which covered the transportation of fif-
teen children, (Travel at half fare) myself & lady
assistant.

Very respectfully
R.H. Pratt
A. in Charge.