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Indian Training School,  
Chick + H. Pratt,  
In charge,

Garfield, Pa.  
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Asks authority to lease  
a game to be used in  
connection with school.

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., November 12, 1880

The Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Last winter when canvassing the sub-  
ject of agricultural instruction for the Indian boys,  
with the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior &  
the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs (then  
Mr. Hayt) I informed them that I could get a farm  
four miles away, containing seventy nine acres for  
\$50. per annum. At that time both the Sec-  
retary & the Commissioner imagined they should pre-  
fer I get a farm adjoining the Caracks even if  
I had to pay double that amount. I was un-  
able to get a farm that suited our purposes for  
anything like a reasonable rental, one cause be-  
ing that it was too late in the season, & most  
of those who had lands to rent had already made  
their bargain, so I rented two small pieces of  
land aggregating eighteen acres & limited out

operations to "truck farming".

There is one farm adjoining the Canacks which from its location buildings &c. is especially desirable for our purposes here. I am now able to lease this farm. It contains one hundred & ten acres, there is upon it a very large & valuable spring & springhouse adapted to the canning of large quantities of milk & butter & a very large stable, also tenants residence. The fence demanded for the farm is \$1200- per annum.

I have sought diligently for other lands & I have had rental propositions from several other owners. With one exception none was at a less rate than this. The one exception was what is known here as a "clay farm" two & a half miles away & not at all reliable for dry seasons.

I would like to close an arrangement with Mr. Parker for the farm aforesaid, considering it in every respect the most advantageous arrangement that can be made for the present.

I invite your attention in this connection to the fact that it is not "truck farming" that

we need to instruct these boys in, so much as the raising of general crops, <sup>and</sup> to do this we must have land.

We also ought to give the girls instruction in the care of the dairy <sup>and</sup> having the conveniences of this farm would enable us to do this <sup>and</sup> to produce our own supplies of milk <sup>and</sup> butter.

Our butter <sup>and</sup> milk cost us now about \$30 a month <sup>and</sup> we do not have half as much as would be best for us to use.

I respectfully request your authority to enter into an agreement with Mr. Parker for this farm, <sup>and</sup> an early answer in order that we may have time to do fall <sup>and</sup> plowing <sup>and</sup> other necessary work.

I desire to vacate our lease with the Alexanders heirs on account of the excessive rental.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servant,  
R. H. Pratt

1st Lt. 10th Cav. In charge.