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St. Paul, Minn. 1880
In charge;

Wm. Carlisle Pa.
Nov. 22, 80.

Letter of explanation
concerning hospital.

Letter to Pratt July ²³/81

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Wm. C.

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., November 22, 1880.

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

Sir:

Regarding to your letter of October 6th,
marked Excels. @ 1180. I would respectfully in-
form you that the advance in the price of lumber
since I built the Chapel about thirty per cent
would not enable me to put up as good a building
at this time for the fifteen hundred dollars as the chapel.

At the time your letter was received I thought
it possible to supplement the amount by donations from
friends of the school. You will remember you gave
me \$800. to put steam heating in one building of the
Boys quarters. The expense of that was to be \$1300.
By believing it possible to raise the additional amount
through friends of the school, I determined to put the
heating in both buildings occupied by boys at an
expense of \$2300. leaving \$1500. to be obtained
over ^{and} above what you allowed. This necessarily

comes first. I have made efforts to obtain this amount ^{and} find that the raising of it is a matter of some difficulty. Almost every one I approach on the subject declaring this is a Government work ^{and} should be supported by the Government which is an argument that I cannot gainsay. This matter coming before the hospital leaves one in such a state that I am unable to undertake that until the heating matter is consummated.

This letter is one of explanation simply ^{and} with the desire that the hospital matter may stand as it is for the present, that I may see that the prospect is towards the latter part of the winter.

Very respectfully
R. H. Pratt

Box St. 10th City, In Charge.