

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Hampton, Va., June 17 1888

Dear Captain Pratt:

Last Saturday
and Sunday I had some
talk with the Secretary of
War, Major Brooke, &
Genl. Dime about the
Craw Captains in Fort
Stelling, & elsewhere, &
about the Apaches at
Fort Vernon barracks ^{Alabama},
where Miss Eustis, formerly
an Indian Principal, carefully
inspected, a few weeks
ago, at the request of

Mrs. Hemmery & Grey let a
most interesting report.

The Secretary asked
me to write him an
offer, which I readily
made, to take what a all
of these Captains on an
Hemmery Farm of 500
Acres - 5 miles from here -
where they could learn
farming & practical life & be
taught - & be made the
War department entirely, at
least for the present. What
do you think of this? I think
nothing better that is practical.
Can you not write at once? I have
things on going very much with you
Sincerely yours S C Armstrong