

New York October 22nd 1858

Captain R. H. Pratt
Superintendent
Indian School. Carlisle. Penn.

Dear Sir,

I have received this morning, your letter of the 18th Inst; and have now the pleasure, to enclose you, a check of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co of this City, for Twenty Five Hundred Dollars and which I have endorsed to your order.

The above sum, which has come to me, as residuary legatee of my wife, I wish disposed of as follows.

Twenty Two Hundred

Dollars, to be appropriated,
to the reduction of the debt of
Six Thousand Dollars, remaining
on the buildings erected for
your work, and the remaining
three hundred dollars, I ask
your acceptance of, for your
own personal use.

Thanking you, for your
kind expressions I am

Very truly yours

J. J. Astor

P.S. Please remember me,
most kindly to Mr Pratt.