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Dear Capt. Pratt:

Nobody seems to know about the indisposition on the part of Tickemasse, and ~~he~~^{he} is running around as usual. He has quite recently had his pay for October. We can get along very well without him, as he is rather a fifth-wheel to the coach; and if you want him in Carlisle, I will let him go to you.

I am sorry that we are at present unable to increase our force of laborers. Even though the pay would be small, it would be an item for which we are unable to make the necessary provision.

I will, of course, be very happy to do all I can to assist you in procuring the aid of Congress for the Carlisle

enterprise. - Let me know what you
want me to do about Tichkematse.

Very truly yours,

Spencer West
Secretary.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.,
Carlisle, Penn.