

Office of the  
Assistant Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington.

JUNE 29, 1892.

My dear Captain Pratt:-

A conference committee have reported an agreement on the Indian Appropriation Bill. The report has been approved by the Senate, but it has been disapproved by the House and sent back to conference, disagreeing, from what I can learn, on the extra \$300,000 put in the bill by the Senate for general school purposes which the conference allowed to the amount of \$250,000, making the total of the general educational item \$1,250,000.

The items affecting yourself and your school were, as I understand practically agreed upon. I saw Mr. Dawes yesterday. He told me that the House would not consent to your name being in the Bill. You know how he feels on that subject, and you know that my feelings are in consonance with his. The conference report eliminates your name but leaves in the amount of \$1,000 "for additional to the salary of any military officer while acting as superintendent." I know well how you feel on this subject, and you expressed to me some doubts as to whether you would remain in the service, but I do not believe that you stated to me that you would not remain if your name was taken out of the bill. I am informed here, however, that you have been heard to say that you would not remain at the school if your name was left out of the bill. Now



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JUNE 29, 1922.

My dear Captain Pratt:-

A conference committee have reported an agreement on the Indian Appropriation Bill. The report has been approved by the conference and has been forwarded by the House and sent back to the Senate. I am sorry, from what I can learn, on the extra \$500,000 put in the bill by the Senate for general school purposes which the conference allowed to the amount of \$250,000, leaving the total of the general educational fund \$1,250,000.

The item reflecting yourself and your school were, as I understand, included in the bill. I saw Mr. Dawes yesterday. He told me that the House would not object to your name being in the bill. You know how the facts on this subject, and you know that your feelings were in accordance with this. The conference report eliminates your name but leaves in the amount of \$1,000,000 additional to the salary of any military officer while acting as superintendent. I know well how you feel on this subject, and you expressed to me some doubts as to whether you would remain in the service, but I do not believe that you stated to me that you would not remain if your name was taken out of the bill. I am disappointed, however, that you have been forced to say that you would not remain at the school if your name was left out of the bill. Now



allow me to ask you to ponder this matter well before you take any step about leaving the school. For myself personally and officially I am ready to say that you can very well better afford to submit to the elimination of your name from the bill than the Indian educational work can afford to do without your valuable services as Superintendent of the Carlisle School, the pioneer institution for the education of the Indian youth. I hope you will find it consistent with your feelings to stand by your school and the work in which you have done so much in awakening public sentiment and in directing the great movement in which you have been engaged. I think you can afford to do this so long as the officers of the Department charged with the administration of Indian affairs desire you to continue in your present position.

I am, very truly yours,

*R. H. Bell*  
*Assistant Commissioner*