

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Fort Shaw, Mont.

June 7, 1909

Genl. R. H. Pratt,

130 South 22d Street,

Phila, Penna.

My Dear General;

I read a story in a recent Sunday magazine, by Capt. Jack Hart in which he tells of Charlie Bent in an Indian fight in 1865 as a man who had been well educated at Carlisle Indian school and had returned to the Blanket etc. All properly vouches for! Wouldn't that jar you "

I have a copy of the Carlisle Herald containing your address at Germantown Penna., and have read the remarks with much interest. We have had some great times in the way of innovations since you were no longer actively with us. I am one of those who has moved on as a result of giving away the Morris school. I do not oppose it however, finding it difficult to fill the school with the proper class of pupils. We did fill it and kept it up as well as we knew how till the last but it looked so much like fighting ones superiors that it was uphill work and very unsatisfactory.

I am beginning the same thing over here, repairing old fort buildings and trying to make them habitable as well as attractive. I like the western country rather better than any other and think we will have things quite comfortable here if we are not given away.



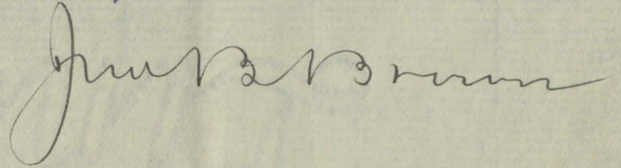
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I thank you very much for remembering me with a copy of your address at Germantown and always shall be interested to know that you are well and that you are keeping up the fight. The worst enemy of the non-reservation schools however, in my judgment, is found in the indifference of the Indian himself. I do not believe the Department will abolish a school which real Indians want to use.

With respect and best wishes, I am

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James H. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".