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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY  
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May 11<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear P. H. Peatt  
Washington  
D. C.

My dear General: - I want  
to thank you and Mrs Peatt  
for the picture you sent me.  
I think it is a very fine  
of both of you. You both look  
quite natural. If you and I  
will remember you a long or  
we are in earth. For the  
good you have done both of  
us.



I wish you and Mrs Pratt were out here with  
us. We are just having the final talk  
of matter, Ray Samuel Fry and arrange it  
as you can come out this summer.

Our Indian Agent is about to be transferred  
to another Agency down in Cal. With money  
if a salary and permission. The people of the  
Reservation have asked the Commissioner  
in a joint letter, to let our Agent stay  
here, because he believes he is a good  
man for us. He knows just what  
the people want ~~and~~ on the Reservation. If  
he get a new man, it takes time sometime  
to get on. And this man knows how to  
do at things. I am writing this on the train  
and you will have to guess at the writing, for  
I can't write when the car is moving.

I think Bob Hamilton put some money  
and look after his family. I think they  
are in need.



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But we hear from you  
at times. I do not want to  
keep you waiting, write when  
you feel like it.

Give my love to Mrs. Pratt  
and keep a good share your  
self. The train is standing  
still just now, so I am  
able to write. I remain

Yours for ever

Charles

P.S. I have over to Kalispell  
I am on my way home

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May 30<sup>th</sup> 1914

General R. H. Pratt  
Washington  
D.C.

My dearest General:- I just came in from my ranch to-day. Your letter was here waiting me. I was indeed pleased to hear from you again and to hear that you and Mrs Pratt are both well and happy. Spyna is away at present, visiting some friends across the mountains in the Kalispell country. The country is quite

dry we need rain badly for our farms. I am sorry you are somewhat in doubt as to your coming west. Spyna and I have been looking forward to that time with great pleasure. Thinking you were sure. I do hope matters will come out in such manner as to enable you to come, among the Indians. Because we need just such



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me as your self. To talk to these Blackfoot Indians and residents of the reservation from my experience with you, I know no better man could come and do these Indians more good. Tell them something that will be of great benefit and help to them in the future. In fact take the Indians as a whole, they need men just like you. Do give them a fatherly and friendly advice and put them on the right road to prosperity and happiness. I want you to remember me as one man you have saved through your good influence and valuable teachings at Old Calish.

I am your friend forever  
CWBuck



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Browning, Montana Sept 17th 1914,

General R.H.Pratt,

Washington D.C.

My Dear General;--

Your letter was recieved some days since, and I was indeed pleased to hear <sup>you</sup> from same as usual, The summer slipped through before I realized the fact of its going, Since I have returned from Washington there has been several Inspectors of different nature looking into the affairs of the Agency and viewing the reservation in general, Among the visitors from the City of The Great Father was Mr Brosius two of the boys here and myself took Mr Brosius out one day in a car to show him how the real Indian lived at home.

You know that Mr McFatridge was Transferred to another Agency but after the reports of the different Inspectors the Commissioner reinstated Mr McFatridge and told him to continue his good work and that he would furnish him with good and capable help if he needed it. After the Commssioner had investigated our Agent carefully he came to the same conclusions that we had that he was the man for this place, and that he was doing all that any man could do under the prevailing conditions and mixed up affairs. Say General, If Christ was Agent for the Blackfeet some of them would want to Crucify him because he was trying to do the right thing by them. I am safe in making this assertion that our present Agent is the best man that has been here since I returned from Carlisle in 1895. Now that is a pretty big statement to make but it is so and I have the backing of all of the good thinking people of this reservation. We are all aware of the fact that these Indians are poor and have nothing, but who id responsible for their



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Condition, I say the Government and former Indian Agents who allowed the Indians to squander away and neglect their stock. When Major McFatrige took charge these people were in deplorable and destitute circumstances I will repeat what I have already said and that is that the Indian Office is thoroughly convinced that Major McFatrige is the right man for this Place and that he is executing gallant work, General, when the Major took charge these people were down and out, He is exerting every effort possible to get them back on their feet, and to provide some means to enable them to maintain a livelihood. Now General, do not think for one minute that I am a Booster for Major McFatrige, I believe in giving every man his just dues, if my pocket book will permit me I will visit Philadelphia this coming winter to have my eyes treated give me a letter of introduction to Dr Fox, Did Mrs Pratt recieve the pillow cover that Mrs Buck sent to her, James Perrine asks me to remember him to you, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

C W Buck

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Browning Mont January 23rd, 1915,

General R.E. Pratt,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Friend;--

Our Superintendant, Mr McFatridge has been suspended pending his explanation of charges preferred against him by Mr E.B. Linnon Chief Inspector who was here about a month ago,

Mr McFatridge can satisfactorily explain all of the charges with the possible exception of the following, his lack of aggressiveness in the suppression of gambling, his failure to provide farming implements and seed for the Indians and his lack of interest in the general prosecution of his administration. These charges we believe to be unfounded, and we ask you, As our School father advisor and Friend to consider our <sup>view</sup> in this matter and to interview Commissioner Sells in the matter.

General, We look upon you as our foremost friend, and we would not state to ~~you~~ you, Anything but what we know to be the Truth, ~~and xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~

We know positively, that Mr McFatridge has done more to suppress Gambling Horse stealing, and whiskey drinking than any Agent that we have ever had, The crimes enumerated were prevalent, common, and of weekly occurrence before Mr McFatridge came but now they are of rare occurrence since he has been in charge of this Agency as he has prosecuted the criminals with vigor, Mr Linnon, himself while here was present at the hearing of seventeen Gamblers whom had been arrested Jailed, and Fined from ten to fifty dollars each by Mr McFatridge in his capacity as Superintendant. He (Mr Linnon) was present during the whole proceedings and knows that some of these men had been jailed and fined before for a similar offense by Mr McFatridge, Others have been arrested and punished since Mr Linnon left here.

Relative to the Farming, Seed and implement charge, it is needless to state that the Blackfeet have tried out farming to their detriment, and we do not wish any more of our funds to be expended for any more trash which only serves to waste time and money. Mr McFatridge has endeavored to interest the Indian office to procure cattle for us ~~for us~~, and had Messrs Perrine, Buck and Clark to devote almost their entire efforts along that line last winter in Washington. In the matter of lack of General administration, Mr McFatridge has necessarily been called away from his work at the Agency On official business which he can satisfactorily explain to the Indian office by their



own letters of instruction to him, but which nevertheless has interfered with his work. We can state however that Mr McFatriage has done better v than any Agent we have ever had. He is a real Gentlemen, He makes even the most insignificant Indian feel that he is a real man whenever he comes to his office, He listens to all, has a kind word for every one, even his enemies, and gives special favors to no one,

Relying upon your sense of fairness, and Justice, and knowing that you have our interests at heart we earnestly request that you do all you can to prevent an injustice being done either Mr McFatriage or ourselves. His removal would prove a detriment to the tribe and he should be given an opportunity to appear in person before the Commissioner. as his integrity and record as a Federal Official, he can refer to the Officials of the Federal Court and the several state officials of Montana.

The intelligent members of this tribe who went to school under you are taking an active interest in the affairs of the tribe and realize that Mr McFatrriages dismissal after four years of conscientious service would prove a great detriment to the whole tribe. As to his honesty and ability there can be no question.

General, All we ask is this, That Mr McFatriage be given the opportunity to appear in person before the Indian Office and present his side, We feel and he feels that he can convince the office of his innocence of all of these charges.

Your School Children,

*Charles W Buck*  
*Mrs. Spyna Lleruary Buck*  
*John H. Kennedy.*  
*Edward L. Hazlett.*  
*Sampson H. Bird*  
*Richard Sanderville*  
*Elizabeth Wren Kipp*  
*Shas A. Bird*  
*Malcolm Clark*