MISSING PAGES

VOL. 4

Decr. 20th 79

Major J. N. Adam
Paymaster U.S.A.
New York City

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your check No 38654 for $160.00. Your attention is invited to a discrepancy of $10.00 in State accounts. You have evidently credited me as a Lt. of Infty. Shall I return check to you, or make your settlement on assumed

Respectfully Yours
G. H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cav. Ret'd

Dec. 26th 79

Charles Miller Esq
Pleasant Valley Pa.

Dr Sir.

It does not seem necessary for us to have a washing machine, yet.

Very truly yours
R.H. Pratt
Carlisle School

Dec 26th 79

My dear Greenway.

My relations with Genl. Sheridan are such, and (you can easily understand that) the military relation to civil affairs is such as to forbid my asking him to aid you to the postal service as you desire; besides Genl S. is just off for Mexico with Genl. Grant. I know no one who could aid you there. I am entirely unacquainted with Genl. Logan, or any of the Ills. ~~Senators~~ big guns. I fear when you get into civil affairs you get out of my line

Yours truly

Dec 26th 79

J. C. Robbins
Boston.

We shall be glad to see you, and can keep you longer than a day.

There are through trains from New York, West, through Phila. and Hbg, over the Penn R.R. and your best way will be by that route. From Hbg, you have an hours ride over the Cumbd valley road.

Unless you need your trunks, the best way will be to forward direct.

The other matters we can talk over when you get here.

Sincerely, yours
R H Pratt

Dec. 30th 79

Dear Brooks.

I languish for want of funds. I have just written officially the third letter in regard to the Chapel. If you could push that cash to me direct, and hasten up the other pending matters you would give us all new life.

The School is ready for inspection at any time. Our sick list is limited to a few colds and a strain, all trivial. Children are jolly, as they ought to be, and there is nothing to disturb us except hard work, which we are used to, if we do belong to the Army.

I wrote Mr. Hayt about my own affairs which you were kind enough to bring to his attention. He has not responded. The pressure is pretty heavy and I may get choked off if there is no relief.

Yours

Pratt

Jany 10th 80

Rev G. H. Donaldson
Fort Defiance
Arizona.

My dear Sir.

I have long entertained a desire to have the Navajoes form a part of my charge, and last fall when going west for a new lot urged the Dept. in favor of a good representation from them. My appeals were strongly seconded by Col Lockwood the Chief Clerk of the Int. Dept. who was with the Navajoes at one time and has the kindliest interest in their welfare. Our

Should you call to the Agency Dept. Utility or otherwise as undersigned as a close friend of Rev Mr.

light of the World and whosoever will may have have his heart lightened by Him, is our principle. I am a Presbyterian. My other Military assistant an Episcopalian. My Principal over the Educational work is a Methodist. I have three Quaker assistants, a Lutheran, two Congregationalists, and other Episcopalian. The various ministers of the village give us the benefit of their teachings weekly. I am thus particular in replying to your inquiries, knowing you will be glad to know a better feeling is growing up for the Indian. I have met some of the Navajoes in my military experience. Major Price in the winter of 74 & 75 had some as scouts. I then admired their self assertion. I should be glad to have 50 or a hundred here. Where we have room for 250 more and expect to get that many in the Spring or Summer. The Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Sioux who are now so

the policy was to reach those who were respectively the most troublesome, with additions from some of their most cunning neighbors. We have eleven tribes represented here, among our 154 students. 92 are Sioux. The expenses are all borne by the Govt. We give the broadest liberty to religious influence. Our students attend every Sunday School and Church in town except the Catholic, being parcelled out by delegations, and the attendance supervised and constant. In the School we use the orthodox form of worship, and the Moody and Sankey 123, hymn books. That God is the

largely represented ask to increase their
number to 500 of both sexes. I send you
a few photographs. We have the sons and daughters of many
chiefs whose names are familiar to the country. Spotted
Tail has 4 sons and a daughter and two more daughters
come in the Spring. American Horse two sons, White
Thunder a son, Little Raven of the Arapahoes a
daughter. Sabanaweca of the Comanches a daughter &c &c.
I told some of my old Kiowa Chiefs & Arapaho boys last
evening of your letter, and they all said "that's good" "All
Indians learn the good road together and be good friends"
Any contribution to Young Navajoes here should come from
the Dept. at Washington and I have no doubt if the
Judge and their friends Jones &c. it can be brought
about. Major Thomas wants to send some Pueblos and no
doubt a good strong delegation can be brought from your
section. Hampton Dick, Ba, is also in the work in our book, say,
Cordially Yours R.H. Pratt

a again. I have asked for Fifty Navajo boys & girls

A. J. Weidner
No 36 South 2nd St.
Phila Pa

Jan. 10th

Sir.

Enclosed please find Check on the Carlisle Deposit Bank for $22.00 the amt of your account of Dec. 23d. also Certificate Vouchers in Triplicate for your signature as the place I have indicated. Please sign them and return to me by mail.

Respectfully Yours.

1 Dr. Dr. 10th Amt. Dr. charge

Jany 14th 80

Hon. J. C. Conner
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir.

I send you today a few stereo. views of the Indn. Youth here. You will note that they come mostly as blanket Indns. A very large proportion of them never saw the inside of a school-room. I am gratified to report that they have yielded gracefully to discipline and that our school-rooms, in good order, eagerness to learn, actual progress &c, are to our minds quite up to the average of the boys of our own race.

Isolated, as these Indn youth are from the savage surroundings at their homes, they loose that tenacity to the savage life, which is so much of an obstacle to Agency efforts, and give themselves up to learning all they can, in the time they expect to remain here.

Now that the School room work is well started, we are turning attention to the Agricultural and Mechanical features proposed.

One of the two large Stables, 20 x 40 feet, will make us an excellent workshop where we may carry on instruction in Carpentry, Wagon & Harness making, Blksmithing, Boot & Shoe making and repairing &c &c. And this too without very great expense. I have proposed to the

Dept. and am encouraged to make, Harness, Linware &c. to agencies for issue. This getting rid of what we make without imposition on the local trade will be a great relief, and I believe will not only enable us to teach the Indn boys trades, but will be a saving to the Department.

The location is healthy, Buildings commodious for four hundred pupils, and there is a strong current in favor of this kind of work among the Indians. I believe I told you I was invited to come and get 500 more boys and girls, by Spotted Tail. Since my return from Lockn I have a letter from the Navajoes asking to get some of the children of their chiefs and headmen here. and I have asked the Dept. to allow me so. The last annual report of the Commissioner of

of Indian Affairs shows that out of 4000 children this tribe has not one in school. (See Com. Report 1878 page 180) Both Spotted Tail and Red Cloud Indians have heretofore antagonized education ~~heretofore~~. Now I could fill Six Institutions as large as this could be made (say 500 each) from those agencies alone. I am sure of it. They see in this a fair chance for their children to become like the white. and this is the supreme idea with the Indian of the plains. Your bill proposes a number of vacant military posts which the Adjt. Genl. informed the Committee would be available. Genl. Sherman named others to me. I know a number of Army Officers who would render valuable service to this complicated Indn. question, in this connection. I should be glad to appear before your Cmte. and also be glad to have a delegation from it visit the School, with great respect

Your obedt. Servt. R. H. Pratt

Jany 17th 80

Miss Gertrude Farr
731. Pine St.
Phila. Pa.

My dear friend.

Yours of the 15th enclosing Check for $20. O. School donation to the Ford work here. I shall be in Phila. over Sunday and will endeavor to see your Sunday school.

With grateful regard.

Very truly yours
R H Pratt
Sch. U. Army in chge

Jan. 26

Hon. Geo. F. Edmunds,
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

In accordance with your advice, I visited the Secty of War and the Genl of the Army in the matter of my extra personal expenses in this work. They coincided in the opinion that it was clearly the province and the duty of the Interior Dept to cover all extra outlays on my part consequent upon my position here; and that the War Dept had nothing whatever to do with them. I carried the matter again to the Com'r of Ind. Affairs, and was again informed that while the Dept was very willing and anxious to help me, there were no funds that could properly be applied to this object. Both the Com'r and the Secty would cheerfully recommend Congressional

action in my behalf.

I submit herewith, for your consideration, an extract of my letter to the Hon. Secty of War, dated 17th Feby last, which fully covers the ground of my needs. His reply to that letter is also enclosed — so that you may see that it was his own idea, and that of the Secty of the Interior as well, that I should have increased pay.

My experience has shown that I only apprehended the facts. I am taxed way beyond my resources as 1st Lieut. I sought to have, in connection with this work, the pay of a Major. I discussed this matter with the Comr of Ind. Affairs prior to going west after the Ind. Children whom I now have here; and I then felt satisfied that he saw a way, and would stand by me. That he has not been able to do so, leaves me under no small embarrassment.

As I am not engaged in the strict military line of killing Indians, which so often

carries with it both éclat and promotion, I find that it would be useless for me to solicit relief by asking to be raised into one of the Staff corps — which would be the only way that I could secure it through the Executive departments. But Congress might, by a special bill, give me increased rank — as has been done before in the case of Maj. Robinson, of the Artillery, and others. I am over seventeen years in the service of the United States; and have given the strength of my life and the best of my ability to the faithful performance of every duty assigned to me in that long period: — and this alone ought to carry weight, aside from the claims of the important service which I am now performing.

I submit these facts to you because of your familiarity with my recent efforts — in Florida and here — to aid the Govt in a delicate and perplexing Emergency. I am very respectfully Yours,

C. H. Tyler
1st Lt. 10th Cavalry

Jan. 28th 1880

To

His Excy R. B. Hayes
President of the U. S.

Sir

A few days since I ventured to send you Stein's views of the buildings, and groups of the Sioux Youth here

I hope your interest in this feature of your administration will increase as it ought to. It has grown up under your encouragement, and will not fail to, in itself demonstrate your wisdom. I believe it is destined to expand and urge forward all Indian Educational work to meet the needs of the Indians

If the means can be procured and all manual labor Schools who will undertake them be supplied with delegations of Indn Youth, and of all suitable vacant Military posts or barracks not otherwise needed can be utilized for Indn Industrial Schools and then every Agency effort crowded; a very short time might show that the number of Indn Youth not at School could be represented by as small a number, as is now required to represent the number actually at School, When that happens there will be fewer Indian troubles.

I am glad to report that we have the greatest encouragement to go ahead. Our Students meet our highest hopes. The influence has reached to other tribes than those represented here. Tribes like the Navajoes and Utes who have taken no interest in Education heretofore.

As these tribes have educational treaty claims, they ought to be met more than half way in all advances of this kind. I propose to continue to seek authority and means from the Executive and legislative branches of the Govt. until I am allowed to increase this School to double its present number and preferably from those tribes mentioned

With Great Respect
Your Most Obedient Servant

Lieut 10th Cav'y

made purchases of tools, and material, and now have 29 Indian boys under mechanical training, with every prospect favorable to a demonstration that Indians not only have capacity, but will work. The cheque comes timely, to our aid in covering these expenses.

Sincerely yours
R.H. Pratt
Lieut. in Charge

Feby 5

E C McVickar
2007 Delancey Place
Phila. Pa.

Dear Friend.

Yours of the 2nd with enclosed cheque for $25. the gift of Mrs. A. Zantzinger, to aid in the purchase of tools, for the School, is just now received, on my return from Washn. Please convey to the donor our gratitude for this liberal expression of interest in our work, and in that feature of it from which we hope so much.

Encouraged by the liberality of other friends, mostly in Phila, we have

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Feby 7th

Editor Evening Bulletin
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir.

Be kind enough to mail one dollar worth of your edition of yesterday that ~~[illegible]~~ (6th) home, here. Money enclosed.

Very sincerely

R H Pratt
Sh

Feby 9th

Mr. Pratt
Dear Friend –

Mrs. Pratt had received yours of the 2nd for me in my absence, and laid it aside and then went away herself. So I did not receive it until Saturday.

Am glad you like the pictures, and that you have stirred you up about your proposed visit here. I thought we should hear from you before this.

You ask me about Haworth. I served awhile at Gill where he was there, and shared in the general knowledge that he lied officially and otherwise as Agent, and the general belief that he was not clean in beef transactions.

Sincerely yours
R H Pratt

Hon. Wm Stickney

Phila February 9th

Messrs Ritter & Auchincloss
209 Church Street
Phila Pa.

Gentlemen.

I am to acknowledge to you the receipt of two dozen spools of Coats Thread, donation to this School from Mr. Thomas Coats. This recognition of the great work, by one of the members of the manufacturing firm is the most gratifying.

Allow me to tender our warmest thanks

Yours very Sincerely

R.H. Pratt

1st Lt. 10th Cav. in charge

Feby. 14

Rev. A. H. Donaldson
Rev. & Fort Wingate N. M.
Dear Sir.
Dear Sir I enclose a copy of
Dept. letter, in reply to my app.
for funds for youth to come here, based
upon your letter. The scheme
seems to work out so feasible.
We have just had a busy and
interesting delegation here. I believe
they will come now with children.
in April. Would only ask an
additional [illegible] to RH thank you
with them.
I have
because
they are

Feby. 16th

Rev. Jos. Cook
Yankton Agency Dak.

Dear Sir,

I have forwarded your letter to the Dept. recommending that Jos. Cook be allowed to come here with the delegation of South Dakota expected to accompany Red Cloud, and Pine Ridge Chiefs who come, as a military committee, in April, and are to bring an additional delegation of South with them, from those agencies.

I have hesitated in this matter because I did not wait to say so. for I thought at the time Cook

need not have gone home, but
we have so few who approach him
in attainments, that it would
be difficult to place him. I
want to help him, and oblige
you, and will do the best
I may do.

We have not fully
tested this case yet
but indulge great hopes of
success. Much depends
upon the question of some
additional testimony to
that we received this evidence of
interest
with
the same
who
in my case, and
more

Feby 18th

My dear Sir

Yours of the 17th inst. is received, with enclosed $20. a donation from the first Congregational Sunday School at North Haven to your school to be applied to educational purposes.

Please say to your school that we receive this evidence of interest in the work for Indians with much gratitude. That, in the language of the Indian mother whose boy is under my care, and whose cradle for him brings me a letter often from her, I say to all who have joined in donating this sum

"my heart shakes hands with you". You have helped a righteous cause and God will bless you for it. and bless your offering to the good, the great good of those you helps.

We shall use the money in the manual labor education of the boys, We want to make them self reliant men, able to meet the issues of life, side by side with us, and to this end we are building up a system of mechanical and agricultural instruction.

Cordially yours
R. H. Pratt
Lt. U. S. Army

H. P. Shaner
Supt. of School
New Haven Conn

(Confidential)

March 9th 80

To His Excellency
R. B. Hayes
President of the U.S.

Sir.

I enclose to you a copy of a letter received by me on Saturday last.

Genl. Bagleys letter in favor of Lieut. Brown reached me, after I personally, and at the instance of the Hon. Secy. of War, approached Genl. Sherman on the subject of Lieut. Browns detail. Finding Genl. Sherman hostile to the detail of Lt. Brown I did not formally submit to him or the War Dept. the application of the Indn. and Intr. Depts. made at my request, and which I had been allowed to carry to the War Dept.. I rather determined to make another application to have Lt. Brown go after the Ute and Navajoe children which the Intr Dept. intends sending here hoping that, on his return the bill which is favorably reported from the Indn. Com. of the House, covering the detail of army officers in this connexion, might by that time have become a law. This

application I have made.

When Capt Bagleys letter came I did not feel free to withhold it and so endorsed it forward to Genl. Sherman to whom it was addressed.

I feel free to say to the President, that I know, I am at this time, "fighting" a greater number of "the enemies of civilization" than the whole of my regiment put together, and I know further that I am fighting them with a thousand times more hopes of success.

I see that about sixty officers are detailed as staff and instructors at West Point, where there are scarcely more students than I shall have here when those the Dept. contemplates soon adding from the Utes and Navajoes arrive. Here a Major General has charge with all this immense staff and corps of instructors to help. The objective there is nearly like that at Carlisle, the Indian. Here a Lieutenant struggles to evolve order out of a chaos of fourteen different indian languages! Civilization out of savagery! Industry and thrift out of laziness! Education out of ignorance! cleanliness out of filth! and is forced to educate the courage of his own instructors to the work, and see that all the interests

of his Work and the Indian as well are properly protected and served.

Mr. President I need Lt. Brown to help me at this school, and I believe it is right I should have him. He can be detailed by your order to go after the Utes and Navajoes Youth, and on his return to remain and assist in this work. He will do the country a hundred times more service here than he will with his regiment. If I could advise on this matter, I would urge the immediate establishment of fifty more schools like this, and the detail of a hundred Officers to manage them. The evidences, the evidence of greatest good resulting from this system multiply daily. It is lamentable that so small an atom of the needs of such work finds encouragement. Genl. Sherman himself, four years ago, in a personal letter which is now before me, endorsed my course at Ft. Sequatine. This and that are one only this has grown bigger. Knowing as I do that I am supremely right, it would be wickedness itself for me to falter, even though pressure to that end came in threats from the General of the Army.

With greatest respect
Your obedient humble servant
R.H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cavy

That you may know the ground fully, I enclose a copy of my former application to the Ind. Office for Lt. Brown

Mch 12

Mrs Eliza B Platt
Tabor Iowa

Madam—

Yours of the 9th is received. Our instruction to Major Trotter was that we needed you at once, so I shall be glad to know that you will come as early as possible. Your visit to Ia. can take place later. You should come here with a generous willingness to serve in any capacity. What I had designed for you might all be changed on the arrival of additional numbers. The County, the Indian race, and the cause of humanity all drive us to do our best. I hope you have plenty of strength.

It may be a satisfaction to you to know that we have among our teachers two old Pawnee workers, Marianna Burgess and Anna L Ely.

Sincerely Yours
R H Pratt

March 16th

Mary H Cooke
Kelville, Kansas

Dear Miss Cooke.

By or before the 1st of May we are to have a large number of new students, and our need will be so pressing that I am compelled to ask your presence here be not postponed beyond that time. If you can arrange to come sooner we shall be glad to welcome you.

I have named parties connected with the school to proceed to Colorado and New Mexico after the new students. They will return by the Kans. P. R.R. about the time you mention, and it can probably be arranged for you to join them, and by coming on with the party save you your travel expenses.

Very truly yours
R.H. Pratt
Pt. in chge

March 16

Miss Ella Patterson
Newville Pa.

Dear Miss Patterson,

I should like to know something of your religious views, before making even preliminary agreement with you. This work demands great care in this regard, and I was so pushed with an engagement in town when you were yesterday that I did not talk with you as I [illegible] to have done, on that subject.

I am extremely desirous of securing only such teachers in the start as will both suit and be successful in the work, and then stick to it.

The having to end a once established relation of this kind is, I find, the severest task I have to perform, and my brief experience has already led me to adopt the method of trial, first and ~~then would~~ regular contract on proof of capacity. Would this suit you?

Sincerely

R. H. Ball

March 18th

Edward Bloodon Esq.
East Saginaw, Mich

My dear Sir -

In Octo, you asked me for place then, then I was full. I am yet, but my Baker & Cook does not meet my expectations and one or two things came me to think of changing. I think you told me once you were an expert in these departments. I pay $50. a month. Are you engaged? Could you take Cook for 300? Yours Truly
R H Pratt

March 20th

Miss. Ella Patterson
Newville Pa.

Dear Miss. Patterson.

About the time, or soon after your present term expires, we shall have an addition to our pupils here, & we will then give you a trial. If we can give you a department, and your services are satisfactory, the salary will be $45. per month, with one months leave each year without loss of pay. If not satisfactory in charge of a department, and we could still use you in the teaching of classes, the salary would be less.

Very respectfully

R. H. Poat
Lieut. 10th Cav. In charge

March. 20th

Mr. A. O. Hyde
Marshall, Mich.
My dear Sir.

Lt. Brown left here on the 6th for Hampton, Va. to visit Indn and return in about a week. through Genl Armstrong I heard of him the following Wednesday but have nothing since that date. There is nothing explaining to my mind this long absence, and silence, and I fear some accident or want of understanding, and should be glad to hear from you at once.

I enclose copies of letters, which have passed in reference to Lt Browns detail. The President has recognized my letter, and I feel sure that only time is needed, to place Lt. Brown on Indn Educational duty. Genl Pound writes, that the Indn Committee of the House, have authorized him to favorably report, and urge the passage of the Bill, giving military posts and officers to this work, at the next call of that Committee.

Very truly Yours
R. H. Pratt

March 21st

To the Honorable
The Chairman of the Military Committee
of the U. S. Senate

Sir:

I desire to submit through you and your Honorable Committee to the Senate of the United States, in this my humble petition, my case for promotion to Captain. Martin L. O'Brien 1st Cavalry, whose nomination is now pending before the Senate for promotion to Captain.

I submit, because his promotion is an injury to me, which to deem is not more in compliance with the laws of Congress. I respectfully invite attention to the fact that Lt. O'Brien is number 14 on the lineal list of 1st Lieutenants of Cavalry and I am number 11 and that paragraph 1204 of the Revised Statutes provides for promotions throughout the several lines of the army, and not regimentally as is the custom. There is no other law regulating promotions and it is under this law that promotions are made according to the

Seniority in every other branch of the Service except in the Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, and even in these branches this law is made to apply to all grades above Lieutenant. Captains, Majors and Lt. Colos, are promoted according to Seniority without Regard to Regiment

I count among the Captains of Cavalry, twenty Six whom I Ranked when they were 1st Lieutenants, and although I am only fourth in point of Rank among all the 1st Lieuts of Cavalry, I am likely to see above twenty-Six others of my present juniors made Captains before I am. The lineal Statling of all the Lieutenants in the Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry only needs to be examined to demonstrate the Mockery of Justice of it.

Of the eight Senior 1st Lt. of Cavalry, Six belong to my Regiment the 10th Cavalry. As by this Custom which has grown up and is maintained against law, we can only be promoted in our own Regiment and it may and does happen that other Lieutenants who have not served the Country half as long, and with no mite of approach to equal Service in point of danger or importance are made Captains before us. Again a graduate from the Academy may exert himself and carry off the honors

of his class and be accorded one of the highest places on the list, and then by assignment to a Regiment where promotion is slow, see every member of the class he graduated with and dozens of the two or three subsequent classes, become 1st Lieuts and Captains before him. The operation of the Senior 2nd Lieutenants of Artillery demonstrates this fact; four out of the five highest on the list belonging to the 5th Artillery

I have no complaint against Lt O'Brien's work as an officer, I only claim that his promotion is not in accordance with laws of Congress, and for that reason, as well as the other operated reasons herein alleged is not equitable nor in the best interests of the Service

With greatest respect
Your Obedient Servant.
[redacted]
1st Lt. 10th Cav'y U.S.A.

March 29th

Alexr. Hyde
Lee Mass.

My dear friend.

I have yours of the 27 in reference to Chapman. I have great hopes that he will do. Your telegram, I received yesterday while on the way to church, and answered it last night, saying "Your dispatch indicates you think Chapman will do. Send him." That you have this morning. So I shall look for Chapman tomorrow or the day after. It is quite likely that if Chapman suits and is suited, we can oblige Mrs. C—. I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in this matter. Is Hampton going to plant out boys and girls in Berkshire for the summer?

Sincerely Yours,
A. H. Bailey

March 29th

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver Col.

My dear Brother—

Yours of the 24th is received. I am very glad we are to have Navajos Pueblos and Moquis. Sorry the allowance is so small, but it can be enlarged. I should rather undertake 50 Navajoes, for their battle would be more promising. 15 is only about 1/8 of 1 pro. rather dim the glam will be, but not always "to the strong" is the battle given.

St Brown is not yet detailed, and there is much objection by Genl. Sherman. If he is denied, I shall go myself. In any event you will be notified in time.

I want children under 15 yrs. and half girls. Mrs. Pratt wishes to be kindly remembered. We have the Mole. R. M. L. Will send our Eddie Katchin here out.

Cordially Yours in the grip of hope
R. H. Pratt

March 29th

My dear Brown—

I send you enclosed which is hopeful, but rather old. I drop another letter to the Secretary this morning, so that there may be no excuse for want of importunity. You could write Rev. Jackson as soon as you know, and as you would need to come here, would have plenty of time to get his introductory letters which ~~would~~ will be very helpful, but I would much rather you reached the ground, and made the first statements.

Please return the note.

Yours

Pratt

Mch. 29

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secretary of the Interior
Sir.

Lieut. Browns leave is so near expired, that he finds it necessary to start for his station in Dakota by the 5th proxim.

Would not the President settle the question of his detail — even though Genl. Sherman objects — and give us the benefit of his services here, where they would be of so much more value?

With great respect
Your Obt. Servt.
R. H. Pratt
Lt. In charge

Mch. 31

Dear Levant

You once showed me over a large chair factory near the R.R. in Jamestown. I am needing three hundred dining room stools. So they make such a thing. They must be 20 inches high. Seat 12 inches, and 1½ or more inches thick, two sets of rounds, and all of hard wood. finished in wood either with oil or varnish. If they can get me up such a thing please ask them to advise me at once of cost per hundred.

Yours as ever—

R.H. Pond

Love to Emma and Lucy—

Fishing begins Apr. 1st. I am going to have a fish, if I steal it! —

April 6th

Miss Annie Scouler
Newville, Pa.

Yours of the 1st was duly received. I recognize the value of Col Sharpes endorsement, and would like very much to say that there is a place and we would like to see you, but am, as you suspect, quite crowded with applications, and so far as I can see now can give no encouragement for the immediate future.

We should be glad however to see and know you, and if you come this way beg that you will visit the school and make yourself known.

If by any chance I am absent, introduce yourself to Miss Semple my principal in charge of schoolroom work. I have shown her your letter and Col. Sharpes and she will be glad to meet you.

Truly yours
R H Ball
Pr. In charge

Apr. 7th

Hon. H. L. Dawes
U. S. Senate

Dear Sir-

If a majority of the Senate and House, concur in the views you expressed upon the Ute Bill day-before-yesterday, in reference to the Education of Ind^n Youth, and will legislate accordingly, the "beginning of the end" of Indian troubles is reached. Education and industrial training for Ind^n Youth, for all Ind^n Youth, will, in a very short period, end Ind^n Wars. and, in a not very long period, end appropriations to feed and clothe them, I dont believe anything else will.

With great respect
R. H. Pratt
St. In charge

April 8th

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secy of the Interior
Sir.

I am most anxious to make a telling break on the Navajoes, and on the Presbyterians. The Navajoes furnish the most promising field for Educational and industrial Training of any Indians we have, and are only second to the Sioux in population. The Presbyterians who have had ten years to move upon this tribe are only now waking up to their responsibility. This is a Presbyterian Valley, and fifty Navajo youth at this school will incite the whole church to work. I only place the matter before you, with my opinion that the 15 youth you have allowed from the Navajoes, is too few, really weakness both ways. i.e. for the Indns and the Presbyterians.

If Agent Thomas of the Pueblo has not returned to his station I would like him to visit us on his way home.

If we have failed in getting Lt. Brown, we have developed the enemy. One experience in this matter

I reserve to inform you of when I can see you.

The mechanical and industrial work is coming forward in a manner I am sure will gratify you. I shall have harness and tinware for shipment to Agencies. The blacksmith and his boys have made all our agricultural implements. What I shall do for something to keep that branch going puzzles me just now. It is too important to fall behind in.

I have informed the Commissioner that I can go after the Utes and Navajoes. The importance of securing proper subjects must not be overlooked. We who have the work to do feel that most.

With great respect

Your obedient servant

R. H. Pratt

Lt. In charge

Apr. 15th

Dear Maj. Cooke.

The War Dept. denied the detail of Lt Brown to go after the N. Mex. Col. Children and there is some delay in that matter, and consequently not as much pressure here as I anticipated. We can use you from May 1st; but, if you find it any more convenient to remain longer, west, it will not materially incommode us. As soon as I know the Departments intention, I will notify you, about the Children coming from N. Mex. Col.. Then you can wait for them or not as you deem best.

Sincerely Yours
R. H. Pratt

Apr. 17

Dear Mr Fuller.

I am not clear yet that I can employ a Band Master, and have written the Dept. about it. The reply will not be back for ten days, or more.

What I asked Miss Ludlow to do, was to ask you to look up the field at the Home, thinking there might be a disabled soldier whom I could get at a nominal salary. I have now asked for $400. per year, and may or may not get it.

I should dislike to do anything to take away any of Genl. Armstrong's help, and should want it to be perfectly satisfactory to himself if you did come. I have no one in view that would suit me better than yourself. But as I said before I may not be allowed this luxury.

Sincerely Yours

L. H. Pelton

Apr. 24th

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secretary of the Interior

Sir.

I send you photographs of most of our Apprentices at work, and in same package a set for the President.

Unless the Dept. will recognize my statements on this point and allow the direction of our manufactures to the Agencies, in the matter of harness and tinware, in particular, we shall be struggling against too many obstacles, and in great danger of failure. I wrote the Ind. Office on Feb. 8th, and asked for sample sets of harness and such articles of tinware as would be acceptable for issue to agencies if made by us to correspond in quality. My letter is unnoticed. I then asked Mr Karr, who has charge of the N York Warehouse to send me down samples and I would either pay for them or return as soon as I knew this

quality signes so, but the Kaw puts me off on a quibble that, and when I confirm to his views and request him to send on the articles I hear nothing more of it.

If the last Indn Office report shows the needs of the Dept each year, I can say that we will make about all the hand made harness here the Dept may need for issue, and the same may be said for the harness. This would give us practical means for teaching the Sioux boys those trades. In shoemaking Carpentry and blacksmithing; we have much of our own to do; of the two former, quite enough for sometime to come.

I should like very much to see you and the Commissioner just now, and it would be better if I could see you here.

With great respect
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
Lieut.

Apr. 30

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir.

It would do something to remove the lack of information, upon the Departments Indian Educational work, and what that work is accomplishing, if Senator Teller and Senator Plumb could be induced to visit this School. You have but to offer the chance, and either the Cheyenne and Arapahoe, or the Rosebud or Pine Ridge Agencies would send us more children than we could accomodate.

With great respect
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
Lt. In charge

May 3rd

My dear friend.

I am delighted that your judgement is so favorable to our photographic accounts of progress. The great advantage is, the Indns can comprehend them.

Miss Hyde concurs in my opinion that your judgement will serve us better than would our own in the matter of summer wear for the girls. We want

50 girls Hats, trimmed. Asstd. sizes, & not over $1.00 Ea.
500 Yds. Calics for dresses, every day wear.
500 " other goods for best wear, & not over 15¢ pr yd.
200 " Muslin for lining.
—Buttons to match.

Let the bills come to me, and payment will be made at once, on receipt of goods. We leave the purchases entirely to you, and trust you will not hesitate or think we shall not be entirely satisfied. Respectfully & Truly Yrs.

Susan Longstreth Hale, D.D. K.K. Ford

May. 4th

Dear Bishop -

Complying with the desire expressed in your of the 26th of April, Sister Julia left on Friday, to return to her Hospital work in Syracuse. We all regretted her leaving.

Sister Julia served us faithfully and with great ability, and fully demonstrated the wisdom of the work you are carrying on at the House of the Good Shepherd in training nurses for work among the sick. She placed the Hospital part of our work in a most satisfactory condition; really fought that part of the battle for us, and I feel under many obligations to you and the House Mother for your aid in this matter.

With greatest respect

Cordially & faithfully Yours

R. H. Ball

St. In charge

Rt. Rev. Bp. F. D. Huntington

Syracuse N.Y.

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May 4th

Dear Mr Fuller

My application to Washn, was not successful. I am tempted to try what I can do to keep you for awhile on outside help. If no other and better opening offers to you, when your arrangements cease there, I shall be glad to have you come here. Write me of the time.

Sincerely yours
R. H. Pratt
Lt. In charge.

Carlisle Bks. May 4

Livingston Stone Esq.
Charlestown N.H.

Dear Sir.

I enclose $2.50 for your work on trout breeding, received.

Truly yours
R. W. Prall
Jr. Mus

May. 6th

N B. Kent
U. S. Indn Agent
Great Nemaha Agency Neb.

Dear Sir.

I have thought over your desire that I should accept the guardianship of Joseph and Josephine Vetter, now students under my care, and have talked with them about it. It seems to come to me as one of those duties of life, which we are not always right in following our preferences to evade. I will undertake the responsibility and if at any time there seems to be reason to change for any cause whatsoever will gladly make it. The full situation will come to me in due course, I have no doubt, and, as at present, it is in my power, the children will be well cared for. I will write to Mr Doerr as you suggest.

I sent you some photography of yours

children here. Jo. V— objected to being in the group.

All well happy & progressive.

Regards to Mrs. K—

Yours truly

R.H. Pratt

Lt

May 6th

Ralph L Doerr
U S Consul
Berne Switzerland

Sir.

Mr. M B. Kent U.S. Indn Agent. Great Nemaha Agency Nebraska, asks me to accept the care and guardianship over two children from his Agency, now pupils under my care.- Joseph and Josephine Vetter.- As from what he says it will not involve any very considerable responsibility, I am willing to do so. In accordance with his advice, I write to you. Any counsel or direction the friends of the children may wish to give will be carried out so far as possible. They are both in excellent health, and seem to be good children. Josephine is exceptionally bright, and has an extraordinary memory. Joseph is learning the shoemakers trade in our school shop, giving 1½ days each week, to that, and the

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remainder he spends in school. He is not a dull boy. I thought at first they might do better away from here, but they are both doing so well, we would be loth to make any change hastily. Their expenses are borne by the Govt.

Sincerely Yours
R H Pratt
Lt. U.S. Army, In charge

May 8th

My dear Hugh

I did reply to your letter, and the Moccasins are only now completed. You must remember it takes Indians time to do such work. I hope they will fit, and please you too.

You had a grand success over in Pottsville. Wish you were all here to go out to Pinegrove in the Hts. with us in a fortnight, with the Big Dakota Chiefs. Red Cloud Spotted Tail & American Horse.

Regards to your father Mother and the baby and all between. Be sure and let us know if you come this way again.

Your friend
R. H. Pratt
U.S. Army

May 25th

My dear Hayes

His Excellency
The President

Sir.

It would probably be premature to have anything like a general Exhibition and invite the multitude at this early date in our work here, but I do consider it proper and very desirable, that you should know and see, just what we are doing, because this work has grown up under your administration, and will remain after your administration closes as one of the best evidences of its wisdom and humanity.

Several times Secretary Schurz has spoken of his desire to bring yourself and Mrs. Hayes here, and that, has always been before us, as one of the incentives in our work, and I have endeavored to keep you somewhat informed of our progress by Photographs and other methods. Wishing to bring the work up

to something near what I believe would be a demonstration of the administration's ideas, before pressing for a visit from you, I have delayed that consumation of what we have so much anticipated until now. It will be gratifying to us if you can visit us at an early day and could notify us of the time. We should be disappointed if Mrs Hayes and your son Webb and others of your family are not of the party.

I am just informed that the Indian Visiting committee, consisting of the parents and chiefs of many of the children here, and of which the Secretary of the Interior spoke in his last annual report to you, will reach here on Thursday next the 27th inst and we have fixed upon Friday the 28th as a day to exhibit to them by special exercises the progress we have so far made with their children. I mention this incidentally thinking it might be both convenient and interesting to you to make that the occasion of your visit. The season is delightful here now and the grounds have on their best appearance and I am sure

that the brief time you might be able to give to us would be a grateful relief from the grave cares and labors of your office.

With great respect
Your Obedient ~~and~~ humble Servt.
R H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cav'y
In Charge

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number of Speeches and Recitals in English, from both the boys and girls. Friday the 28th. inst is the day we have fixed upon, provided they arrive in time. If you cannot come, then I should be glad to have you fix upon a day, that will suit your convenience. As this is exclusively a work of your Department, whenever you think best to bring, we should be glad to see here.

I have written a note to the President on the subject, and do hope, that we may not be disappointed, in having the promised visit, from him and Mrs Hayes.

With Great Respect
Your Obedient Servant.
R H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cav'y
In Charge

May 25th

Hon. R. E. Trowbridge
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir.

Can you not make it convenient to visit us, while the Indian Visiting Committee is here? We give them a special day on Friday next, and shall have exhibits in the School Rooms and work shops, and in the way of Essays. Speeches &c in English from the Children, that I am sure you would be glad to witness both, by seeing and hearing.

I have written a note, both to the President, and Secretary of the Interior, inviting them, and if they could come and you be of the party, I should feel that we were making a grand, and effective charge, all along the line.

With great respect
Your Obedient Servant
R H Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cavy. In charge

May 26th

Dear Bro. Barry

I enclose you a $10. Bill for assessment 153 and subsequent ones until exhausted.

Fraternally Yours
R.H. Pratt

June 7

J. W. Eby
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir.

Your donation of $5. for Mr Gould, for the "Nations Wards" under my care, is received. I shall use it where it will do most good, and am pleased, and thank you for this recognition of the needs of our work.

Sincerely Yours
R. H. Foster
Sk. In charge

June 14th

To the Chairman
of the Committee on Mil. Affairs
House of Representatives

Sir.

In the Report submitted to Congress by the War Dept. in reference to Extra pay to Absentee Officers, I find my name as having drawn $1,644.06 during the last five years and as now drawing $288.00 a year Extra pay. This is an Error both in the gross amount, and as to what I am drawing now.

I have drawn no extra pay, whatever, above the lineal pay of my rank, since the 23rd of August 1879. Have not applied for it, because under the law, being in public quarters, I was not entitled to it.

I was in charge of Indian prisoners at St Augustine Florida from May 11th 1875 to

April 11th 1878. During that time as there were no public quarters near enough to my responsibility, the post quartermaster was allowed to pay $30.00 monthly for quarters for me. In order to get quarters at all comfortable and decent, the first year I had to supplement the Quartermaster allowance, and pay $20. monthly from the pay of my lineal rank, so as to make the $50.00 a month demanded for House rent. I was afterwards enabled to get a house for $36.00 a month, and the extra cost to me was reduced to $6.00 a month. By no sort of appeal or explanation, could I get the Dept. to cover me in this. The Q. Mrs. Dept. paid out $1050.00 for me, in rent for Quarters whilst I was in Florida. In order to get habitable to live in, I supplemented that by nearly $300. from my lineal pay during the same period. From Apr. 1878 to Nov. 1878 I was on leave of absence, or on duty that did not admit of my asking Commutation. From Nov. 1878 to Aug. 1879, I drew in all $200.66

by way of commutation of quarters. Since August 1879, having had charge of this school where there are abundant quarters belonging to the Govt, I could make no claim to Commutation allowance.

The gross sum paid to me due for me in the five years is $1700.00. Although the Dept. in its report to Congress says the report is based upon what the officer was entitled to draw. I know that the law forbids my having Commutation allowance now, and that my application for it would only meet with refusal. I need it badly enough.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R. H. Walsh
1st Lt. 10th Cavy

June 28th

Major H. E. Alvord
Easthampton Mass.

Can't spare from shops boys old as you ask. Fear disappointment to your patrons. Good prospect of placing younger ones in Pennsylvania. Think best to abandon Mass. Wrote.

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June 28th

My dear Alvord.

I have just wired you that I cant spare boys as old as you ask, and fearing disappointment of your patrons think best to abandon Mack scheme. We can put out our younger ones around here, and then if not satisfactory they can easily return. I am sure it will be better for us and for your patrons, to do this. Expecting more than would be fulfilled, this disappointment would not tend to keep up the good feeling, so necessary to success. Here we can explain everything and parties can see the boys or girls before taking them. Our Quaker friends about Phila. will take a number. We tried not to accept youth over 18, and have not many. Most of the older boys are at trades, and this work we propose to go on during vacation. Some of the ailing ones we send into camp at the warm Springs in Perry County. Miss Mather will be up, soon and see you.

Yours — Frank

July 3

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secretary

Sir.

Would it not be a good thing to include the name of Lieut. Pratt in those of your party to the Pacific Coast, and through the Indian Country, and on the return trip drop him off to bring a delegation of Sitting Bull children to Carlisle. I happen to know that he needs relaxation just now very badly, and that he would be delighted to see the School at Forest Grove, and glad to add the S.B. Youth to his charge.

With great respect
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
Lt.

July 5th

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secretary of the Interior

Sir.

The little defection of S. Tail, has so far helped us here. Discipline is better. I am informed that the other Chiefs were all out with him before he reached Yanktow, and that he took his children and left the party. He will probably work for other Schools, and as competition is the life of trade, the general influence and results will be good.

I suggest, if that matter is not already on your mind that the occasion of your visit be used to secure delegations of youth from the Crow, Shoshone & Bannock, and the now arriving Sitting Bull Sioux. I could almost hope you might think it well to take me along that I might see Wilkinson's work, and be dropped off from your party to gather up children from lines

tribes, while the spell of your presence and influence is upon them.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
R H Pratt
Lt.

July 12th

Mary R. Blair
Huntingdon Pa

Dear Friend

My Wife gave me your letter some days ago. I have been pressed with work. We have no vacancies in our list of employes now, and we are obligated to two teachers in case of increase of pupils which would permit us to increase our number of teachers.

There is no law or regulation that would prevent our accepting the services of additional help, provided no expense accrued to the Govt. We have abundance of work.

If you desire to send your friend here as a help in such position as we find our need and her capacity and stand for her salary I should gladly welcome and use her. The teachers have a mess of their own at an expense of about $3.50 per week. I can furnish room and furniture

Very truly yours
R.H. Pratt
Lt. in charge

July 27th

Col. Alex. R. Cluer,
Editor Times, Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir,

Spotted Tail's children were never whipped at this school. We do not whip children here. The statements in yesterday's "Times" about Spotted Tail's reasons for removing his children, are entirely untrue. Spotted Tail could not have said what he is alleged to have said in Washington, because he had no reason. All my information shows his remarks in Washington to contradict any statements like those alleged. His reason for removal of his children was, solely, because we did not further need the services of his son-in-law, Mr. Tackitt, at any salary, and Spotted Tail was determined we should keep him at an increased salary. He threatened to remove the Sioux children, unless we complied with his wishes. There was no other course for us, but to stand our ground. Spotted

Tail did take with him, at his own cost, his four boys, his grandson and grand-daughter; none of them cried to remain.

All the other visiting Chiefs opposed him in removing his children. His return home with his children aroused his tribe, who deposed him; Spotted Tail appeases them by saying, he only brought the children home during vacation and intends to send them back. I have several letters from Indians, and others, with this information.

Respectfully Yours
R. H. Hall
St. Jos. Sharpe

July 28th

Mrs. Mary R. Blair
Huntington Pa,

Dear friend.

I have been very busy. It seems important we should see and know Miss Weistling and that she should know us, and the work, to determine anything. Just now I am needing some one to aid Mrs. Platt who has charge of my Hospital and Dining room work. Why can't Miss W. come over through August and give us a chance to know each others. Four of my teachers will be taking their rest and we still have much to do in keeping up an interest. We can arrange that there need be no expense to her, Nothing more. Both parties must concede the greatest freedom to continue service after that.

Cordially yours,
R.H. Pratt

The expense here will be about $3.50 per week for board and .50¢ for washing. I depend on your proposed arrangement for that. Our teachers have their own mess which they manage in their own way and their laundry work is outside the school.

Yours

A. H. Ball

July 30th

Eliza W Booth
Carlisle Pa.

Dear Miss Booth

I am sorry to say I can give you no encouragement for a place as teacher here.

Several of our first vacancies are obligated and just now we have more help than we need.

Very truly yours
R H Pratt
Lt. In Charge

Aug 2

My dear Brown.

Would you not be willing to take a year's leave and come here if your pay was made up?

I need you very much, and feel sure this could be arranged. Then if by the time Hampton is vacant there is no show of permanency you could go there. Genl. Armstrong will get what he wants, because there is law for it, and I have no doubt but that detail is as certain for you as anything can be of that nature.

I make you this proposition. I will undertake to secure you the leave, provided I have your letter that you will accept it and take hold here conditioned as above if you will. Then I will send you sufficient funds to cover your expenses (self family & baggage) from

Fort Bennett to this point. You may have selection of quarters in this (Office) building or the Ord. Sergts. if you prefer, and I will make your pay whole, and give you fuel and lights.

We shall have from 250 to 300 pupils this fall. Eleven Sheller have just arrived. Miles brings 25 Chey. & Arap- yonth about the 25th. The Secy wrote me he would try for a delegation from the Crows, Shoshones & Bannocks, and the newly arriving Sitting Bull Indns. and the Utes now seem to be swinging in on the treaty so we may look for that lot. Write me as early as you can.

Faithfully & Cordially
Yours,
R. H. Pratt
Lt. In charge

Lt. Geo. Le R. Brown
Fort Bennett
Dak.

Aug. 7th

J. W. Black & Co
Boston Mass.
Gentlemen -

Enclosed find my check for $10.00 covering your very excellent Photo. of Mr. Ichung, sent on the 19th July. Your letter was mislaid and only now found; hence the delay in remitting.

Very truly Yours
R. H. Pratt
Lieut.

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To Miss Brock I can offer a place as teacher at a Salary of $44. per month. I should want her to take charge of a Department of 35 or 40 Students, and assist us in our Music. I wish all my Keys here to feel a willingness to take hold anywhere in any emergency.

This is the ground work, but before you make any change in your affairs, should you be so circumstanced and be willing to come, you had better write to and hear from me again.

Very truly Yours.
R H Hall
1st Gr. 10th Cong
In charge

Aug. 7th

Mr Gabriel Renville
Sisseton Agency Dakota

My Dear Friend

I promised to write to you in case of any sickness of either of your children; I am sorry to tell you that for some days past, John has been quite sick, and at present is in the Hospital under the Doctors care.

I am not able to tell just what is the matter with him but we fear it is typhoid fever. The commencement was with a chill and fever and he has not been at all well since. Yesterday he bled very freely from the nose this the Doctor was able to stop but the loss of blood has left him very weak.

We are giving him the very best care possible in every way. good Doctor and nurses and the best of food. I will do everything for him that it is possible to do and write to you frequently

Truly your friend
R. H. Pratt

August 10th

Gabriel Renville
Sisseton Agency D.T.

My Dear friend

I have just telegraphed to you about the death of your dear boy. My heart is so sad and heavy that I don't know what to say. When I wrote Agent Cressey on the 30th of July the Doctor assured me there was not the slightest danger. John had had several chills and complained of being very weak, a few days after that there seemed a tendency to run into a continuous fever, day before yesterday his nose commenced bleeding and it seemed almost impossible to get it stopped, when it was finally stopped it left him very weak, still the Doctor seemed confident. Yesterday morning his nose began bleeding again, it had been checked, at the time I wrote you my postal card, but it was only temporary it continued almost to the last, he died peacefully and quietly, he told Jordine he was going to die, and that he was not afraid, as he always tried to do what was just right. The old,

old Experience that death loves a shining mark comes to us most vividly in John's case, bright, handsome, quiet, and good, were traits, we had all learned to love him for. I cannot tell how sad we all are. The best medical help and nursing we could bring to bear to fight death away was brought. I have sealed the lock in ice and shall keep it until I know your wishes

Sincerely and sadly
Your friend
R H. Pratt
Lt. In charge

Aug. 12th

My dear Sir.

I am a little disturbed about my Prin. Teacher - Miss. Temple - whose health seems breaking, and want to get my mind fixed on a substitute, if the need comes. Miss Mary suggests that I write to you about a Miss Wright formerly employed in your Lee Schools but now of Framingham. We are filling up and shall be worked here this fall, and shall need in that place rugged health. You can see what capacity will be required to assume the management of nine teachers and their work over 250 to 300 children. Would Miss Wright - in your opinion - be able to do that? and could I get her?

Cordially Yours

L. H. Pease

The children visits Lowell Cooks every Saturday