

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to a resolution of the 13th instant, a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in regard to the Carlisle Indian Training School.*

FEBRUARY 26, 1891.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, February 24, 1891.*

SIR: I acknowledge the receipt of Senate resolution dated February 13, 1891, calling for certain information relative to the Carlisle Indian Training School, Pennsylvania.

Said resolution was referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for report.

The Commissioner called upon Capt. R. H. Pratt, superintendent of the Carlisle Indian Training School, for such information as was in his possession to enable him to report to the Department upon the matter.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication upon the subject, dated the 21st instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of a letter from Capt. R. H. Pratt, of the 19th instant, addressed to the Commissioner relative to the increased clerical work required to furnish the information.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

GEO. CHANDLER,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*February 21, 1891.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a letter from Capt. R. H. Pratt, superintendent of the Carlisle Indian Training School, stating that the Senate resolution calling for information concerning that school is so particular in the character of its inquiries as to require an amount of clerical work beyond the ability of the school with its present force to perform, so as to enable it to make report in time to be presented to the next Congress. Some of the inquiries require that

an agent be sent to the Indian agencies throughout the western country, for the purpose of interviewing returned students and locating their whereabouts. Other details incident to the scope of the resolution might also be specified. Captain Pratt states that it will be necessary to employ two clerks and one agent for a period of 6 months, and he requests that authority be granted him for the employment of these three employes at a salary of \$75 per month each; and that \$1,000 be allowed for necessary traveling expenses of the agent in pursuing the inquiries and securing the responses to the items of the resolution.

It will embarrass the operations of the Carlisle school to take for the purpose so large a sum from the appropriation made for its support and management, and I have therefore the honor to recommend that the facts presented be submitted to the President of the Senate, with the suggestion that if full and detailed answers to each and all of the specific inquiries enumerated in the resolution shall be insisted upon an appropriation of \$2,000 be incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill now pending before the Senate, to enable the Department to fully comply with the requirements of the resolution.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
*Carlisle, Pa., February 19, 1891.*

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 14th, marked "Education, No. 6048, 1891," inclosing Senate resolution, I have to respectfully advise you that the particularity of the inquiries will require an amount of clerical work beyond our ability to accomplish with the present force in time for the next session of Congress. There are inquiries, also, which will require that we send an agent to the many agencies to which we have returned students. This work would not be well done by any other than one charged with the direct duty of it. It would not do to entrust it to the employes at the agencies, as in some cases, at least, there would be a disposition to mislead. To do the work well and cover the whole ground I estimate that we should have two clerks and one agent employed for a period of 6 months, and request that the office authorize the employment of these at the rate of \$75 per month each, and make the necessary allowances for traveling expenses of the agent, which I estimate would amount to \$1,000 more for the time required. It is hardly fair that this amount should come out of our appropriation for the school; still, it is a matter for the office or Congress ordering the inquiry to determine.

Submitting this matter for your action and instruction, I am,  
Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. PRATT,  
*Captain Tenth Cavalry, Superintendent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*