

To: The Secretary of the Interior
From: Daniel Bread
Elijah Skananto
Cornelius Hill
Neddy Archiquet
Daniel Hill
Daniel Williams
Martin King
Adam Swamp

To the Hon.
The Secretary of the Interior,

The undersigned chiefs of the Oneida Nation of Indians in the State of Wisconsin respectfully represent.

That they desire to contract in behalf of said Nation with Mr. Alexander Douglass and Idna S. Hale according to the terms of a certain indentured a copy of which is herewith forwarded that they have heretofore leased the mill there in described, on similar terms to the great advantage of the nation that the timber upon our lands constituted one of the principal resources of the nation and that they can best avail themselves of that resource by obtaining the services of experienced and suitable men to take the charge of the said mill the terms of the said contract allowing each and all of the Indians to get logs to the mill (which they are well fitted to do) and having them sawed at the halves which are that the usual terms in such cases by the arrangement proposed a store for the supply of goods to the Indians could be established and thus the trading of the native being done at home, they would not be so much exposed to the temptation to indulge in the use of intoxicating drink that doubts having arisen with respect to the Authority of the Superintendent here to give validity to such a contract, we refer the matter with the approval of said Superintendent to your disposal, requesting your sanction to a measure which we believe will produce many and important benefits to our nation.

Witnesses by the Interpreter
Jacob L.W. Doxtator

Daniel Bread
Elijah Skananto
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Adam Swamp

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of the Hon

The Secretary of the Interior,

The undersigned Chiefs of the
 Oneida Nation of Indians, in the State
 of Wisconsin respectfully represent—

That they desire to contract in
 behalf of said Nation, with Mr. Deussen
 along Lake and Down of Lake according to
 the terms of a certain indenture a copy
 of which is herewith forwarded, that
 they have heretofore leased the mill
 therein described, on similar terms,

therein described, on similar terms,
* to the great advantage of the nation,
that the timber upon our lands con-
stituted one of the principal resources
of the nation & that they can best
avail themselves of that resource by
obtaining the services of experienced
settlers men to take the charge of
the said mills, the terms of the said
contract allowing each and all of the
Indians to get logs to the mill (which
they are well fitted to do) & having
them sawed at the halve, which are
the usual terms in such cases.)

directed one of the principal resources
of the nation & that they can best
avail themselves of that resource by
obtaining the services of experienced
sketchable men to take the charge of
the said mill, the terms of the said
contract allowing each and all of the
Indians to get logs to the mill (which
they are well fitted to do) & hauling
them round at the halves, which are
the usual terms in such cases.

* That by the arrangement proposed
as stated for the supply of goods to
the Indians could be established &
thus the breeding of the nation being

done at home, they would not be so
 much exposed to the temptations to
 riches in the way of intemperance
 drink. There doubts having arisen
 with respect to the Authority of the
 Superintendent here to give validity to
 such a contract, we refer the matter
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 to your disposal, requesting your
 sanction to a measure which we
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 benefits to our Nation.

Witness by the Interim Daniel Powell
 Jacob Van Dorsland Elijah Shumant

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direction to a measure which we
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Written by the Authors
Jacob Van Dortland

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