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Enclosing Copy of
doctrines of the Order
report of the action
of the board of commissioners
in regard to permitting
Catholic Priests among
them - The Order
are all Protestants
I have no war for them
I need

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U.S. and agt. 30/11

April 11, 1881
Report from
Oreida advising
The Request of the
Catholic Priests
concerning on the
Oreida Reservation

United States Judicial Service,

Green Bay

Agency,

Rockland April 11th, 1881.

Hon. Comr of Land Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir

In relation to my letter of the 7th inst. wherein I had submitted the Application of Operations Outwicks and Sepherians Duplehardt for authority to go among the Ovicas of this Agency to lobby among them.

I respectfully submit for your consideration the report of the members of the meeting of the board of commissioners and their decision upon the question submitted in said letter of the 7th I enclose a true copy of the aforesaid report.

Very Respectfully

D. S. Stephens
W. S. And Apt

United States Indian Service,

Agency,

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Onecola April 4th, 1881.

Mr S. Stephens U. S. and Agt

Dear Sir

The Sachems and Councilors have not had a full Meeting until today and consequently I could not write to you any earlier on the Catholic question.

The vote upon the question of allowing Catholic Priests to come on this Reservation was nearly unanimous against it. Only Segide Cornelius favored it: and that from a position of opposition to the churches already here. As the Sacadas are all Protestants and satisfied with the churches they have - The Board of Councilors could see no use of visiting elements among them that would be sure to stir discord in their now peaceable community. If there were Roman Catholics among them who desired the oversight of the Catholic

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breach. She would materially change the aspect of the question; but as there are some who desire their offices. The people through their board of councilors respectfully and earnestly request the Government not to allow them entrance into their settlements.

Respectfully submitted
and reported by the Sachem

John D Cornelia
per S. M. Ford