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Gen. B. S. Jackson
Commander, N.Y.
Nov. 24, 1884.

Wm. Facet.
N. J. Indian Agent.

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Letter in reply to a
letter from Mrs. Stinson
P. Emma B. B. B. B.
See letter in "De Voe, R/R"
A. A. A.

United States Indian Service,

New York

Agency,

Coranda, N.Y. 24", 1884

Sir:

In reply to the enclosed letter from Mr. Kenendoah. I have the honor to state that there is no regular tribal organization on the Coranda Reserve - no chiefs, and no Councilors, and has not been for years, and that Mr. Kenendoah is not a head man or chief in any sense of the word. The Indians on the Coranda Reserve are governed by a power of Attorney, by which given to Amos Webster, and which power of Attorney was produced for me. I appointed and delivered

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The goods to all present, and for those not present the goods were done up and the name marked on each package. The dispute with Mr. Skerendoah was in regard to a white woman, living with an Indian. The Indians stated to me that she was regularly adopted by them some years ago, and that herself and child were entitled to annuity goods. The matter was put to vote and decided by all with the exception of Mr. Skerendoah, that she should have the goods, amounting to twenty two yards of shirting.

The Indians asked me to include

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a St Regis woman - who lived with them - on the census of the Onidas, which I refused to do. On the division of the goods there was a surplus of eleven yards, and I stated they might donate the same to the St. Regis woman. They passed a resolution donating the eleven yards of shirting to this woman. Mr. Webster and the Indians present expressed themselves as well satisfied with the distribution of the goods.

Hon. Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.
Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,

W. Peacock
U. S. Indian Agent.

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Of ¹⁵ Onida, N.Y.
 11/12 Nov. 1884.
 Sam^l Shennandrah,
 Chief &c.

Complaints against
 Agent for not consulting
 with him re. to
 affairs of the
 Onida Indians.

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Amos Hadley
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Indian Affairs Nov - 10th 1884

To the Secretary of
the Interior.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

It has always
been the custom for the Indian Agent
when he comes to distribute the goods
among the Oriskany, to meet with the
Head Chief and consult with him
about all the people and get their names.

Now for a few years, since the new
agent came in, he pays no attention to
the Head Chief, nor does not notify
all the people, but brings his goods,
and listens to those who have no busi-
ness to dictate, and who misrepresent
things so that sometimes all do not
get their portion and other times some
get it that it does not belong to.

According to Indian laws a white
woman that is not adopted into our
nation, even if she is married to an
Indian, she and her children are not of
our nation, and should not draw of our
goods. There are such families, that draw
our goods, that are not of us.

We would like that the Agent of
Onida Indian affairs, be directed to meet
with the Chief and consult of these
matters when he comes to distribute
goods to the Onidas — As has been the
custom for so many years before him
by the Agents of our Great Father
the President of the United States.

Daniel ^{his mark} Skemendoch Head
Chief of the Onida Nation
William Non Gost ^{his mark}

per S. M. Hammond