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CASE NO. 29

New York Sup. Ct.

to
District Com. on Sub. Affs.

Mar. 24, 1884

Protect against

certain amendments

to Gen. Rule 467-

file

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Washington, D. C., March 24th, 1884.

To the Hon. Senate Committee
on Indian Affairs.

Gentlemen:

Whereas a Bill having been introduced in the Senate on Mar. 14th, 1884, by Senator Voorhees, intended for a Proposed Amendment to the Senate Bill, No. 467, 48th Congress, 1st Session, to provide for a Settlement with the Indians who were parties to the treaty concluded at Buffalo Creek, in the State of New York, on the fifteenth day of January, Eighteen Hundred and thirty-eight, for the unexecuted stipulation of that treaty, Therefore it is:—

Resolved, That we, the undersigned lawfully authorized Representatives in behalf of the so-called New York Indians, being parties to said treaty, do hereby, very respectfully remonstrate and protest against the proposed amendment and earnestly ask your Hon Body to discountenance the proposed amendment, for the following reasons:

First, That some of the contracts were made in the year 1859, which would be twenty-five years ago, utterly too long to wait for an attorney to accomplish the desired object.

Second, That they have not accomplished any work, nor had any acts passed in Congress by their influence which might inure to the benefit of said Indians, consequently would not be entitled to any of the fees stipulated for in said contracts.

Third, That the said contracts are not legal, which does not comply to the requirements of an act of (April 29, 1874, 18 Stats. at large, p. 35, Supplement to the Revised Statutes, P. 110, Chap. 135), which now governs contracts made with Indians.

Fourth, That the said contracts have been presented to the

proper Departments for their recognition which were denied, and returned without being endorsed, consequently said contracts are not legal. We herewith enclose copies of letters of the Departments, of the Interior, and Office of Indian Affairs, in the matter of said contracts.

In witness whereof we have subscribed our names as above date first mentioned.

Chief Elias Johnson
Councillor Walter Kennedy

In behalf of the
Onondagas
Senecas
Cayugas
Oneidas
Tuscaroras

J. C. Adams
In behalf of the
Stockbridges
Munsees
Brothortorns

Chief Elias Johnson, Clerk of
New York Indian Delegation.