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Green Bay Agency

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Thos Jennings

W. J. Sand Agency

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To H. W. South. S. Co.

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United States Indian Service,

Green Bay Agency,

Keshua Wis. Sept 25th, 1885.

Hon. Commr of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

Referring to your letter dated
September 18th 1885. L. 21,108-1885,
Enclosing a Chattel Mortgage
Executed by certain Oneida Indians,
to secure the purchase price of a
Threshing Machine, Engine, &c,
and instructing me to investigate
the matter and find if the
transaction is fair to the Indians
&c. In reply I would respectfully
state, that before I entered upon
my duties as Agent, I was
called upon by the parties inter-
ested, and asked to give my
approval to the transaction, I
informed them that I had no

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authority to bind such a contract, but that if I had the power, I should refuse to exercise it in this case, as I did not think the parties could pay for the machine, and would in the end lose the machine, and the property mortgaged. After investigation I find that they have six machines thrashing on the Oneida Reserve; that the thrashing season lasts about thirty days; that the notes for said machine draw interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum and in view of the above facts, I do not think they could meet the payments, without loss to

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the Indians, I have therefore
refused to approve of said
purchase, and herewith return
the Chattel Mortgage, for your
further consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Thos Jennings
U. S. Indian Agent