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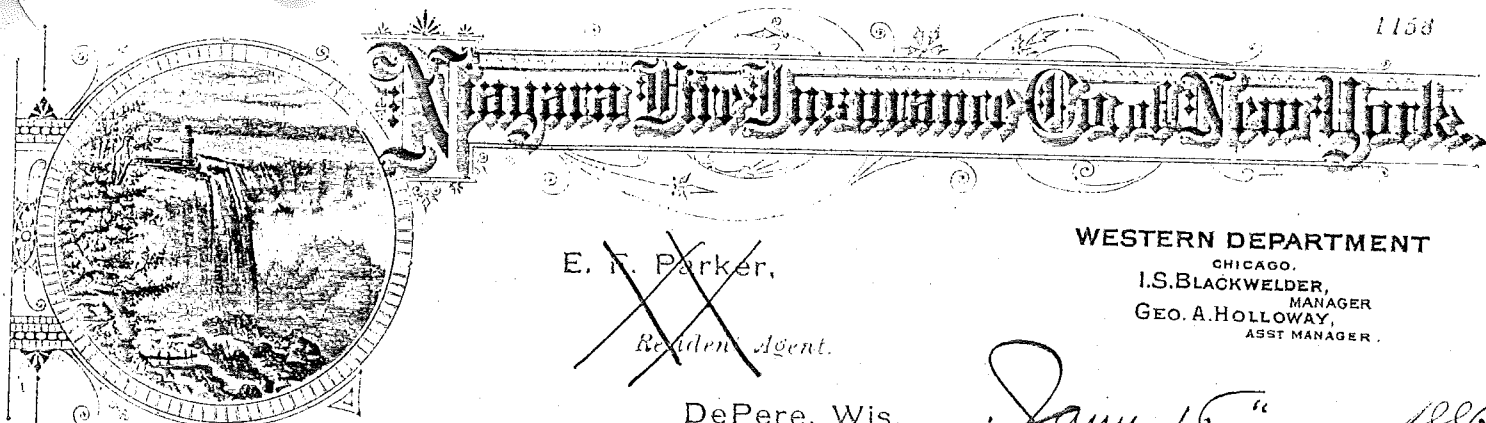
Asks information relative  
to Green Bay part of  
Ojibwa Indians.  
Disposing of their Lands

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
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The Green Bay part of the  
Mica Indians, have now as Councilmen a  
lot of men who are not members of the nation  
at all. that is the greater part of the Councilmen.  
Some are Indians who came here from the  
New York party after they had sold their  
lands there & others are persons who have  
come upon our lands & still remain  
here. Of course as a natural result, they  
do not express the wishes of the people,  
but rather those who are wanted & wish  
to sell & dispose of their lands. We wish  
to know if these outside men have any  
right to hold the office of Councilmen. And  
we would like also to know if there is any  
likelihood of the lands being sold any part of  
them. As we have of the said before we do  
not want this done. we want the lands divided

Among the people equally, taking into account  
only those who are really descendants from  
those who first came upon the lands &  
not among those who have come in  
since, who are in fact interlopers.

and we further object that these outsiders  
should have any influence as against us  
who are descendants of the aboriginals with  
the authorities at Washington. The party  
which is in favor of selling the lands or a part  
of them, threaten us who want our full share of  
the lands, that if we oppose them they will  
drive us out of the lands & give us no  
more bonus. We wish to know if we are to  
be used in this way. We have worked hard,  
we have built good houses, we have cleared  
up our lands, we have made ourselves good  
owners, why cannot we have these as our own  
enjoy them the same as white folks, why  
could we be tied hand & foot as we are, because  
we are worthless & will not work or save  
make houses for ourselves any more than  
white folks have to under like circumstances,

Please write us at DePer Brown Co Wis

Truly  
Yours

Elijah J. Cornelius