

ONEIDAS & MOHAWKS.

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April, 19th, 1920.

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I expect to go to Albany in a few days to see Governor Smith and I would like to hear from you before I leave.

Yours sincerely,

Karl S. Bruner

Please
answer this.

717 E. Washington St.
Syracuse N.Y.
Nov. 18, 1970.

Mr. Edgar Shevondore
Secretary -

Dear Sir -

Time again has come that you should hear from me. We the Six Nation of Indians so called New York Indians had conference, meeting at Rochester, N.Y. on Nov. 13 & 14.

At this meeting I forcibly demand an early investigation of our matters before the legislative committee who are appointed to meet us and consult and discuss the matters of Indian affairs. And succeeded in doing so. - And so soon I got a notice this morning, that the chairman of the committee agreed to give a hearing on my claims or claims. The Oneida & Stockbridge & Fish Creek Buffalo about December first. So it is now necessary to look up all the documentary evidence and papers which will help us establish our claims against the State of New York. It will be necessary for us to find out just how much the State of N.Y. agreed to pay the Indians for the land and how much was actually paid. in order for us to determine how much is still due to us.

I would be very glad to see one of your papers come - and be sure to get all the news about the case.

The time has come at last for good hopes
So be sure and hustle up get all the
evidence and documents which may
be bearing on these questions as they
are of the utmost importance. And
what we want to know is, just how
much money the Oneidas or our people
have received by the land, if any, which
were taken by the State of New York.

And if you have any old copies of the
Treaty under which the lands were taken
please send on right away. So I may
have it to examine before the day
of the hearing.

We are nearer a settlement than ever before
and I am hopeful of a satisfactory adjust-
ment in the near future.

Now on question of Bowless' claim that is
not going to be in question at all. Because
I have had another attorney for that. And
he never got started to do anything on the
claim and more than what I said at our
last meeting at the Hall. And because
of our failure to procure the \$500.00 so that is
not in the question on this hearing at
Buffalo. So get busy and get all the
evidences and send it up to me as soon
as possible before Dec. 1st.

I believe Mr. De Mair has got one or two but
I never could get him to send it. So and see
him or call a Council of the committee.
The legislative committee gave such short notice
so I might as well go up there to wake you fellows up
So get busy the time short. So long.
Samuel D. Bowless.

960 So. Salina St.
Syracuse, N.Y.

June 11, 1920.

Mr. Edgar Skerandore,
R. F. D. #2 West Keweenaw, Wis.

Dear Sir,

Last Wednesday I was talking to our Atty at Law for our claims and he told me that he is well satisfied that the ^{bill} shall be signed this fall by Gov. Smith. So I am pretty much encouraged at this time.

I do not know for definite when or if I will come to Onida, Wis. in the month of July. As I have another subject to talk about to some people there it up the and else where.

One thing I am most welcome of is that I still possessed a good health. And I hope to hear from you being also in good health. Closing with best regards to the Chief and everybody of our Tribes.

I remain yours faithfully yours.
Edw R War Eagle