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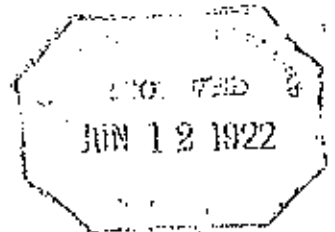
CARL H. HILL  
ALBERT L. THOMANN  
G. V. W. BROWN

June 25th, 1922.

Secretary of the Department of the Interior,

Washington,

D. C.



Dear Sir:

On behalf of certain Oneida Indians of the Oneida Reservation in Brown County, Wisconsin, I am forwarding you herewith a communication signed by certain of the Oneida Indians relative to land frauds that have been practiced upon them thru speculators in securing possession of the lands of the Indians.

It seems very evident from statements made to me, that these lands are being taxed excessively, following the issuance of fee patents, and that the Indians are unable to meet their taxes. I have not gone into the law carefully enough to know whether the Federal Government can change the situation at this time, but if there is any relief open or any course of action which could be taken to secure for them some relief in this matter, we would be pleased to have you indicate it to us at once so that appropriate action may be taken.

I desire to say that I have made no personal investigation of the facts set forth in this petition and am unable to state what the fact is relative to the allegations therein. However, from the number that have signed this petition, I think the Department should cause an investigation in this matter to be made, and those guilty of fraudulent practices prosecuted therefor.

If there is any further information you desire, I shall be glad to take it up with the gentlemen in question and forward this information to you. With much respect,  
Yours

Very truly yours,

HILL & THOMANN

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Mr. Edgar A. Allen,  
Supt., Keokuk School.

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Dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed are copies of letters addressed to A.C. Baird, Luvinia Dexteter and other Indians and to Carl M. Hill, Attorney at Madison, Wisconsin, also a copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior by these Indians. It is requested that you ascertain from the proper officials of the county in which certain allotments are situated whether Indian lands lying in those counties were assessed for taxes before the patents therefor were issued. If of course they will later be taken up individually as they are brought to your attention by the Indians themselves. Where the lands have been sold for delinquency, please cause the matter to be fully explained to the Indians, affected, setting forth the period in which to redeem the lands and the amount required.

The Office will appreciate such investigation of these matters as you may be able to make for the benefit of the Indians.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. M. Burke  
Commissioner.

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