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Mr. Henry Doxtator,  
Route No. 7,  
Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 28, 1923, was referred to Superintendent Edgar A. Allen, at Keshona, Wisconsin, for such data as might be required to enable a satisfactory answer.

Your principal complaint seems to be that the action taken at the time of expiration of the trust period on Oneida allotments was not justified when considered with reference to treaties made with the Six Nations, including the Oneidas, and that the Oneida Indians should still be looked upon as wards of the Government and be exempt from the taxation laws of the State of Wisconsin.

I find that these matters have been explained to you heretofore--quite fully in our letter of March 10, 1922, addressed to you and Joseph M. Smith. There is nothing that can be added that will give you any better understanding of the status of the Oneida Indians as a tribe, or of the status of the individual allottees to whom fee patents have been issued.

It is suggested for your own benefit that you cease resistance against the State laws and against the officers sent to collect the taxes which are properly levied against your property. Instead of urging others to disregard the assessments against their property, you should advise all those over whom you have any influence to accept the situation in which they find themselves, and to make every effort to meet the taxes when due. Only by such efforts can they expect to retain possession of their lands.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. H. Dugan by F. N. H  
Commissioner.

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