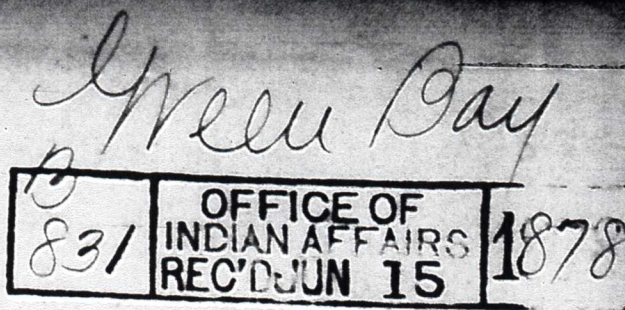




GREEN BAY AGENCY,

KESHENA, WIS., *June 11*, 1878.

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JOS. C. BRIDGMAN,

U. S. Indian Agent.

..... Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Reply to letter of April
12th, giving facts and
observations concerning
Grist-Mill on Oneida
Reservation and sugges-
tions for future action
in regard to same

Ans Oct 21, 1878.

ACTION.

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U. S. Indian Service,
(GREEN BAY AGENCY.)

Keshena, Wis., June 11th 1878

Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 12th "Green Bay 445/78", in which I am requested to report the matter relative to the Construction, Condition, Capacity &c of the old Oneida Grist-mill I would report that upon inquiry and observation I find the following facts. One of the first duties devolving upon me as Agent in the fall of 1874, when taking charge of this Agency, was to close an account and settle with one Abram Taylor, who for several years had had the Saw and Grist-mill at this location. As the timber in that vicinity was about used up, Mr Taylor abandoned the privilege, removed the machinery, which was his, and the Saw-mill was demolished, the dam broke away and the Grist-mill & surroundings went to ruin.

I find that in 1876 or thereabouts, the Chiefs, without consulting the Agent or without his knowledge made an arrangement with one Peter Miller, who took possession of the premises, repaired the dam and grist-mill, put in a stone and other machinery, at an expense of nearly or quite \$2000, paying the Chiefs for the privilege \$44.00 a year-rent. Finding it unprofitable, he sold out in August last, to one Louis Bergner, who has, or is, putting in Steam Power, as the water supply usually fails at the season of year most needed. Mr Bergner, is I find an ignorant German, and has been imposed upon & deceived by the party selling out to him, who represented that the consent of the Chiefs was sufficient for him to remain there for 7 years. He has his fuel from the Reserve, which is of very little value in that vicinity. It can hardly be made a profitable investment.

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Dear Sir:

for any one and Mr. Bergner is anxious to get his money back. The mill is located on the extreme North west side of the Reserve, and can be run by water only in the wet season. Under the circumstances, the suggestion of your Agent is, that Mr. Bergner be given a license to live upon the Oneida Reservation and run the mill at his individual expense, to grind grain for the Oneida Indians, or for such customers as may require such work done, for the usual toll allowance. The rent to be paid quarterly to the Agent, the same to be expended for the benefit of the tribe, as he in consultation with the Chiefs may deem wise, subject to the approval of your Office. The land occupied, aside from the mill site contains 3 or 4 acres of tillable land. I would also suggest, the Agt. be instructed to collect such back rent, as has not been paid to the Chiefs.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Bridgman U. S. A.