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GREEN BAY AGENCY,

KESHENA, WIS., July 29. 1878.

JOS. C. BRIDGMAN,
U. S. Indian Agent.

..... Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Monthly Report
for July
also, stating result of trials in
U. S. Court at Oshkosh against
M. C. McKay, A. McKay, and S. Peters
for timber depredations.

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ACTION.

Transfer to Land Aug 19/78
See to Special Agent J. Brady
August 20. 1878.

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U. S. AGENT FOR
MENOMONEE,
STOCKBRIDGE
AND
ONEIDA

INDIANS.

U. S. Indian Service,

(GREEN BAY AGENCY.)

Keshena, Wis., July 29th 1878

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

Dear Sir:

For the month of July I would report, unusual industry, especially among the Menomonees and Oneida Indians, upon their farms. Persons who are familiar with these tribes say they have never seen such interest in and labor upon their crops as this season. The weather of the month has been as perfect as the most ambitious farmer could ask for and crops are looking better than I have ever seen them. To a limited extent I have visited a few farms and must say that the corn and potatoe fields are looking clean and would do credit in this respect to white owners. They are now preparing to cut their rye and wheat, which will be more than an average crop, and will soon go into their haying camps. During the month your Agent has been unusually busy, spending

a week attending U. S. Court at Oshkosh, in which the three suits entered some-
eighteen months ago, against certain parties for trespassing upon the Stockbridge Reservation were brought up for trial, with the following verdicts. Wm. C. McKay who cut 688,931 feet of pine, is to pay 3⁵⁰ per M. with a fine of \$100 and forty days in jail. A. Miller, a Stockbridge Indian, who cut 84,000 feet upon tribal lands, the value of which was declared by the jury at 5⁵⁰ per M. S. Peters also Stockbridge Indian, who cut 200,000 feet upon tribal lands, the value of which was adjudged at 3⁵⁰ per M. Very satisfactory decisions in each case. Suit brought against Bolles Wooden Ware Co. of De Pere for purchasing timber of Oneida Indians, owing to a flaw in the indictment was quashed, will be taken up again at the October Court in Milwaukee. Time spent in Court with making up Quarterly Returns

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Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs,
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Dear Sir:

and the extreme hot weather has closely confined me, and I have been able to make but one visit ^{each} during the month to the Oneida and Stockbridge Reservations. Rumors reach me that overtures have been made the Menomonees by parties representing the hostile Indians but with a single exception the tribe so far as I can learn are truly loyal to the Government, altho' a part of them feel they are not well treated by the great Father, that their request for a sale of a portion of their Reservation and Citizenship is not granted them.

The Miller reports for the month 17,551 feet of lumber sawed and nine bushels grain ground, & 26,000 shingles made. The Blacksmith has met the wants of the Indians in his department

without a complaint, so far as I can
learn. Mr. Wheeler the School Teacher has
made himself useful in assisting the
Indians in their individual work and
caring for the crops of the farm. The
coming month will be a busy one with
the Indians, harvesting and haying

Very Respectfully

J. C. Hoffman
U. S. I. A.