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Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.,

J. W. Hazleton
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Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant upon the subject of suits pending in the U. S. Court for Eastern Dist. of Wisconsin against E. C. Bolles and others and J. R. Shepard for violation of law in purchasing timber from the Oneida Indians

In view of the fact that the suits in question were originated for the establishment of a principle I am of opinion that a compromise could only result to the injury of the parties for whom protection is required and that the same course would have to be again taken at renewed expense; and the prospect, on the part of
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the transgressor that immunity can be
cheaply purchased

Entertaining the views expressed I cannot
entertain the proposition presented; and have
to advise that the suits be prosecuted to
final judgment

Very respectfully
C. Schurz
Secretary.