

Send answer to  
Daniel LaFort

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Onadaga Castle  
chen York

Daniel LaFort  
& others

Requests release  
of certain  
children from  
Cassidy school  
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To Pratt Feb 6/84  
See letter to Gardner Dec 9/84

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J.H. Cook  
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To the Commissioner of Indian  
affairs - at Washington D.C. we the  
undersigned respectfully request to  
direct the Supt. Pratt who has  
the charge Carlisle Indian Training  
School - at Carlisle Barracks. Penn-  
for the release of two girls and  
one boy - their names are as follows -  
James Thomas. Mittleda Thomas -  
and Mary Johnson. Onondaga  
Indians - from New York. who  
had been there nearly three  
months - they became very much  
discontented - and we on the part  
of the Parents are anxious to have  
our children return to their homes  
as soon as possible - as we are  
satisfied that the place was not as  
was represented to us before they went  
we all supposed they had gone to  
white school - Instead of that it  
was an Indian school - we have  
schools at home - there was no need  
of their going to a wild Indian school  
our object Principly of their going to  
white school was to learn how to  
talk english Language - which would  
naturally be the case where a child

was constantly coming in contact with white children play and talk with them - after a child gets so he can understand the English language - he can advance in his studies and thus be benefited by going into white school - efforts having been made for the release of our children from said school but was denied by the Supt. - But he has directed us to make an appeal to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in which a release may be obtained - we each of us humbly ask you to direct the Supt. Pratt - to release of said children from said Institution and have them return to their homes -

Perend Phebe Johnson, Elizabeth Thomas

Mary Thomas

Unassigned chiefs of is True

Daniel LaFort

Jacob <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Big Bear

Thomas <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Webster

Charles <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Green

John <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Green

Charles <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Webster

Frank <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Logan

Levi <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Webster

John <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Thomas

Alice <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Wheelbarrow

Charley <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Lyon

William <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Joe

James <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Thomas

Billing <sup>his</sup> x <sup>mark</sup> Webster

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