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v. s. Indian Industrial School,

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To the Honorable,

The Comm'r of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I herewith return the papers in ths case of the application of the Sachems and Councilors of the Oneidas of Wisconsin, asking the return of certain students from that tribe, recently sent by them and the children's parents to this school, which were forwarded to me by your keter of the 14 th. marked Education, 935.

I have inquired of the students here and find a little discontent among the boys on the ground that they are required to make their own beds and work part of the time. And there seems to be some objection to the regularity of school routine; and too that they are not allowed unlimited freedom in the use of money. Levi Elm whose return is asked, is one of three Oneidas who ran away from the school in October, and was arrested by the police of Harrisburg and returned to the school next day. He is a great lubberly boy and I think without exception the slowest motioned student we have had at the school. The claim that they were sent here without due consideration is certainly unfounded. We were applied to to take them, and the whole subject was fully discussed with the parents whose names appear, by my Miss Burgess who went for those named who came in September. Louis Elm sent his son with Miss Burgess September 28, and in October I received from him a very urgent appeal to take his other son, John who had been rejected by the examining physician. To support his appeal he had taken his son to Green Bay and had him examined by Dr. Rhet whom he claimed was a better physician than the one who had made the rejection. Jane John has probably written home discontented letters because a very few days after her arrival she was caught staaling and was punished for it. We should lose nothing by the return of all the students named but it would be encouragement to the natural childishness and weakness of purpose of their parents and themselves, which for their sakes ought to be overcome. From private letters written by the parents of other Oneida children who are pleased that their children are here, I discover that in addition to the discontent of the pupils here about making their beds, working &c. there is a grievance against the Department because of prohibition to sell dead timber. And from the way the two matters run together I judge that this effort to get the children back was in a measure intended to be retaliatory. Notwithstanding their advancement, they seem to be somewhat like the wilder Indians, under the impression that in giving their children for education they are doing a great favor to the Government. If the Honorable Commissioner does not think it best to at once deny their appeal, I would respectfully suggest that their officials be called upon to

furnish more specific reasons why they should not rest contented in the fulfilment of their part of their agreement that their children should remain here Five years.

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Very Respectfully,

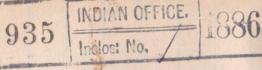
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Jan 5th 1886

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Oncida Reservation, Green Bay Agency, Jan. 5, 1886. Thomas Jennings, Esq. U. S. Indian Agent. . Keshena, Mis. dir; We the Sachen and Comsellors of the Oneida Tribe, in behalf of the parents of Children and youth now at the U.S. Indian Training School at Carlisle, Pa, it. spectfully represent that they sent Their children there without due consideration and now desire to have Them sent back to their homes here. We believe that the Children and youth whose names are written below ought to be sent home, viz. Mames Children names of parents Charles Wheelock upt 28 Demison Wheelock Lept 28 1 11 Lewis Elm his X mark John Elin Hory Lein Elm Repl. 28 11 11 11 11 11 William Band nov 25 Cornelius Bairs his x mark Jane John, Apl, 28 Moses John his X mark Oliela Cooper hept 28 Henry K. Cooper

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Green Bay Ageney-Oneida, Brown Co. Mis. Dec. 11, 1885. Thos ferrings, Esqu U. S. Indian Agent Sir; Levi Ehn went to the Indian Training School at Carlisle La. under The infression that he could leave the school and come howeat any time. His father Lewis Elin was under the same infiression when he sent him there. He wishes to come home now and his father wishes to have him come, but Capt. Pratt, the Superintendent, Claims That Levi went to the

School for a definite time, and refuses to permit him to come home. We ask you therefore to secure the dis-Charge of Sevi Chen from the said school as soon as you possibly Can as we believe it to be quite just and neces-Sary under the circumstances-Very respectfully

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