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Returns papers in case
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asked for more
specific reasons.
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U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., January 15 1888

To the Honorable,

The Comm'r of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I herewith return the papers in the 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 ^{letter} ~~letter~~ 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 stealing 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

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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.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.

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United States Indian Service,

Green Bay Agency,

Keshena Wis Jan 8th, 1886.

Hon Commr of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir

I enclose herewith a communication from the Sachem and Councilors of the Oneida Tribe of Indians asking that a number of their children who are attending the Carlisle Training School, may be allowed to return to their homes, I would state that there is not room for them in the Agency School if they should return.

Very Respectfully
Thos Jennings
U. S. Indian Agent

Refer to
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Sachem & Councilors

Onida Wis

Jan 5th 1886

Want some of
their children
returned from
Carlisle

Oneida Reservation,
Green Bay Agency,
Jan. 5, 1886.

Thomas Jennings, Esq.
U. S. Indian Agent.
Keshena, Wis.

Sir;

We, the Sachem and Coun-
sellors of the Oneida Tribe, in
behalf of the parents of Children
and youth now at the U. S. Indian
Training School at Carlisle, Pa., re-
spectfully represent that they sent
their Children there without due con-
sideration and now desire to have
them sent back to their homes here.

We believe that the Children and
youth whose names are written be-
low ought to be sent home, viz.

names Children

names of parents

Charles Wheelock Sept 28

James Wheelock

Dennison Wheelock Sept 28

" "

John Elm Nov 4

Lewis Elm his x mark

Lieir Elm Sept, 28

" " " " "

William Baird Nov 28

Cornelius Baird his x mark

James John. Sept, 28

Moses John his x mark

Eliza Cooper Sept 28

Henry K. Cooper

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Names of Children

Names of parents.

Jimson Scanadore Nov 4 th	Andrick Scanadore his X mark
Peter Cornelius Nov 4 th	Adamen Cornelius his X mark
Edward Scanadore Nov. 4 th	Daniel Scanadore his X mark

We therefore ask you to use all of your influence to have the above named Children returned to their homes.

Signed in presence of	Cornelius Hill - Sa-
Henry K. Cooper	William Cornelius Chem
Interpreter.	Joseph Smith and
	Jonas Jones Coun-
	James A. Wheelock sel-
	Thomas John his X mark lers.

Green Bay Agency.
Owida, Brown Co. Wis.
Dec. 11, 1885.

Thos Jennings, Esqr
U. S. Indian Agent
Sir,

Levi Elm went to the
Indian Training School
at Carlisle, Pa. under
the impression that he could
leave the school and come
home at any time.

His father Lewis Elm
was under the same
impression 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 there-
fore to secure the dis-
charge of Levi Allen
from the said school
as soon as you possibly
can, as we believe it to
be quite just and neces-
sary under the circum-
stances—

Very respectfully