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Petition for return
of Herman Moses
from Carlisle School
in order that he
may act as In-
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Tonawanda Presbyterian Church.

Mar. 27, 1875.

Resolution was passed in our meeting here to-night by the members of the Church, that we will have Hiram Moses as an interpreter in the future. As there are many people that do not understand ~~to~~ our minister's preaching. Therefore it is very necessary for us to have an interpreter.

So we kindly ask to the Board of Home Mission of New York to receive him and place him where he can continue his studies.

We especial ask Wm. C. Robert to forward this matter.

The Elders gave consent to this, which you will find their names below.

Elders { Mr. Warren Skye.
Mr. Charles B. Chief.

This is to certify that Hiram
Woods is a member of the
Presbyterian Church on the
Tumacacqui reservation and that
I am willing he should be
introduced if the Session of
the ^{Church} do approve.

W. F. Tupper

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior.

Honorable Sir:—

I respectfully represent to you that I am one of the Chiefs of the Tonawanda Band of Indians and a member of the Presbyterian Church— one of the three denominations represented on our Reservation.

There are many of our Indian people who do not understand the English language and need a proper interpreter. My son— Hiram Moses— is now at the Carlisle Institute, and has been there 4 years. In the meantime he is forgetting his Indian language, and, as he has but one more year to serve, the Church Society respectfully presents to you a petition for his removal from the Carlisle Institute and his return to his Reservation, where he can study his native language thereby fitting him for Interpreter. As he has but one more year to serve, we pray you to release him from school and return him to his people.

David Moses

Witness

Winnie Parker

The above petition of the Tonawanda
Presbyterian Church being approved
by Missionary Tripp, and the Father
of Hiram Moses consenting to a withdrawal
of Hiram Moses from the Carlisle Indian
School, for the purpose of securing a
competent church and general
interpreter. I regard as most commendable,
and therefore hope that the Secretary
of Interior may approve this petition.

New York April 25th 95

Ely S. Parker
Tonawanda Chief

The death of Peter Snyder, the former Interpreter,
leaves these Indians practically destitute of the
ordinary means of grace and deprives them of the
benefits of their church and the preaching service.
Their only hope of relief is in the return of Hiram
Moses to them. I therefore hope that the
Honorable Secretary of the Interior will grant
the above petition.

Respectfully

53 - Fifth ave

D. J. McWilliam

New York City - April 25th 95

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