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NEW YORK AGENCY.

Office of the United States Agency for the Indians in the State of New York,
Buffalo, October 1, 1858.

Sir: Since assuming the duties of my office, on the 16th of December last, I have visited the Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Tonawanda, Tuscarora, Oneida, and Onondaga Indian reservations several times, in paying annuities of goods and money and transacting business relating to bounty land claims.

There are upon all of the reservations indications of progress in agriculture and in some of the arts of civilized life. Upon the Cattaraugus and Tuscarora reservations there are farms which, in their management, appearance, and productiveness, compare favorably with the best farms occupied and managed by white men in the respective vicinities.

You will pardon me for suggesting that, in my opinion, an allowance from the "appropriation for civilization of Indians," to encourage and stimulate the Indians in their efforts for progress in agriculture and the arts, would be most beneficial to the Indians and tend to their advancement in civilization. Those upon the Cattaraugus reservation have had under consideration the matter of organizing an agricultural society, and if there should be granted to them such an allowance, to be distributed in prizes, I believe the society would be organized and so managed as to be productive of the most beneficial results.

There are and have been upon the reservations above mentioned eighteen schools, sustained by liberal appropriations from the State of New York, of which seven are at Cattaraugus, six are at Alleghany, two are at Tuscarora, one is at Tonawanda, one is at Onondaga, one is at Oneida. It is believed that there is an increasing interest in schools on all of the reservations. The Christians and those subject to Christian influences yield a hearty support, and the pagan portion manifest less opposition and hostility to educational enterprises.

The Thomas Asylum for "orphan and destitute Indian children," for which an allowance of five hundred dollars has been made and paid from the "appropriation for civilization of Indians" of the present year, affords the benefits of education and livelihood to about forty-