CALENDAR
1904–1908
January 1

Peter S. Smith to Joseph Keppler

Requesting to be kept posted on Indian affairs, particularly Seneca, in the State and seeking games for his lacrosse team. [Peter S. Smith married Ed Cornplanter's sister]

[Marked: Answered Jan 7, in Keppler's hand]

January 14

David R. Hill to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced fare railroad ticket for his mother, Avis Hill.

[Marked: "Rec. Elst; sent order Jan. 21st," in Keppler's hand]

January 16

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Discussing strategy in opposing the Vreeland Bill and the possibility of obtaining a proper stone marker for General Ely S. Parker's grave.

January 16

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking why he has had no reply to his earlier query about the Vreeland Bill; New Year's Ceremony commences January 22nd; he has a game leg; Christmas presents were received from the Sunshine Society of New York

January 19, 24, March 14

3 requests from James Longfeather to Joseph Keppler for reduced railroad fare tickets for traveling Indians

[These appear to be in the hand of Dan La France [Red Eagle]]
January 20

C. C. Lay to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the reintroduction of the Vreeland Bill and asking Keppler to aid in its defeat; announcing that the New Year's Ceremony begins at Newtown "Friday this week" [January 22nd]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

January 21

David E. Hill to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of reduced fare ticket.

February 24

Chapman Schenandoah to Joseph Keppler

Describing an invention he has thought of improving the accuracy of big gun sighting [the sketch "enclosed in another envelope" is not with the letter] and asking Keppler to take up the matter as to patent with Munn & Co. in New York.

[This letter is not complete]

March 5

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Reporting wampum strings for sale and giving their history.

[Marked: "Sent $1.00 on acct. to bind sale, Mar. 7" in Keppler's hand]

March 9

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Keppler's letter has been received and that he believes the wampum will be shipped from Buffalo within a week.

March 19

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler

Saying the wampum is to be sent within a day or two.
William Tallchief to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Keppler to ascertain current market prices for all kinds of furs, of which he has a considerable amount for disposal.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

His leg is still bothersome and he has been bedridden for a month; he has written L. J. Doyle about a lacrosse game with the Crescent team, he, Cornplanter, now being manager of a new team on the Cattaraugus Reservation; how big a group would Keppler like to have visit him this Spring.


3 requests from Louis Saylor [writing for James Longfeather] to Joseph Keppler for reduced railroad fare tickets for traveling Indians

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Quoting at length from a letter of W. W. Newell, secretary of the American Folk-Lore Society, and discussing plans for the publication of Mrs. Converse's Legends of the Iroquois and mentioning an old Seneca paddle from the Genesee valley.
May 1

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Discussing progress of the Vreeland Bill and listing the members of the lacrosse team who went to play at St. Louis; asking if Keppler can procure gut lacrosse stock stringing for him.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

May 11

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying their new home has been comfortable through the past hard winter and that he, his wife and Jesse made a trip to Newtown when he told the people of Keppler's news that the Vreeland Bill had been beaten; inquiring about the Kansas Claim monies and a visit to Keppler.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

May 20

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his grief that so many of the people are joining the church and repeating his inquiry about gut stringing for his lacrosse stick.

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a lacrosse game at Caledonia, Ontario, lost by his team, score 5 to 2.

June 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Asking the price paid for the gut and saying he will reimburse Keppler at once.
June 3

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Speaking of a coming visit of Keppler's and asking him to bring his camera.

June 3

George Wilson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a contribution toward the ceremonies to be held in honor of Mrs. Converse, recently deceased.

[Marked: "Ans. June 6" in Keppler's hand]

June 10

Chief Corenthe to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the French residents of the region of the Lake-of-the-Two-Mountains are taking Indian land and asking if any documents exist to prove the Oka Reservation to be Indian land.

June 13

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Strawberry Dance and Medicine Society meeting and asking for a contribution.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

June 28

Jesse Corrplanter to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Saying that he, his father and J. Halftown are away from home with the C. W. Thomas Show.

July 26

L. S. Williams [Sun Shine] to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Keppler to obtain refund on unused railroad ticket. There is a note in Keppler's handwriting signed "C. E. Lambert" [G.P.A. West Shore Railroad] stating that ticket has no value as it was sold for one fare for the round trip.
July 29
Tonawanda Reservation, New York
Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler
Making inquiry as to the Vreeland Bill.

July 30
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Saying that James Half town has been in jail and was fined $2; that they are returning to Rotterdam and will sail from there the following Saturday for New York; asking Keppler to so notify Mrs. Cornplanter and to procure railroad tickets for him to Buffalo.

[This is in Jesse Cornplanter's hand]
[Marked: "Aug 8th" in Keppler's hand]

August 2
Onondaga Reservation, [N.Y.]
David R. Hill to Joseph Keppler
Asking reduced fare railroad tickets for the Seneca lacrosse team to visit and play at Onondaga on August 11th.

August 5
C. E. Lambert to Joseph Keppler
Enclosing reduced fare order for a group of 15 Indians.

August 7
Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Requesting the endorsement by Keppler of his [Parker's] authority on Indian matters.

August 23
Lawton Station, New York
Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Announcing his arrival home at Newtown after a European trip with his father.

[The verso carries a pencil drawing of an "Onondaga Chief"]
This is on the stationery of the Holland American Line, T.S.S. Statendam.
September 9
Moses Cooper to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Requesting cat-gut for stringing lacrosse sticks for which he offers to trade wooden spoons and announcing the two coming lacrosse games.

September 12
Noah La France to Joseph Keppler
Seeking information as to share of the St. Regis Indians in the Kansas Money grant, and requesting advice as to services of an attorney.

September 21
Chief Corenthe to Joseph Keppler
Request for aid in raising funds to present Indian matters to the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

September 25
Frank A. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Asking for a copy of the Vreeland Bill; saying he expects to visit Albany to look up earlier treaties.

September 26
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Reporting to have been ill for three weeks and announcing date of the Six Nations meeting as October 8th.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

September 27
A. E. Patterson, as President, Tuscarora Lodge, to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]
Request to procure reduced railroad fare tickets for delegation from Tuscarora Temperance Lodge to attend Iroquois Temperance League convention at Tonawanda Reservation October 4 to 8.
October 10  

A. E. Patterson to Joseph Keppler  
(post card)  

Thanking Keppler for securing reduced railroad fare tickets for delegation and requesting another for a friend Akron to New York.

October 24  

George Wilson to Joseph Keppler  

Requesting date of Mrs. Converse's death as preparations are being made for a memorial feast in her honor.

October 26  

Edward Cenplanter to Joseph Keppler  

Saying that the Green Corn Dance and the Six Nations meeting are over and both were very successful, and asking that arrangements be made with Mr. Doyle for the Iroquois lacrosse team to play the Crescent A. C. next season.  

[Marked: "Ans. Oct. 29th" in Keppler's hand]

November 5  

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler  

Saying he is holding the brooches and that he would like to come to New York on the 21st.

November 17  

Dan [La France] Red Eagle and James Longfeather to Joseph Keppler  

Requesting permission to use a room at his Inwood home for Indian dances, if Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker are willing, following Thanksgiving Day dinner.  

[This is in Dan Red Eagle's hand]
November 21
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Saying he and his mother had decided to dispose of the falseface for $30.

November 23
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Saying that the mocasins have been sent and that the old doctor falseface will be sent if the price, $30, is agreeable to Keppler.

November 26
Baptist Thomas to Joseph Keppler
Saying that a chief from Tonawanda Reservation has come to ask the Onondaga chiefs to hold a Condolence Ceremony at Tonawanda and that he promised to go if the Tonawanda people have settled their differences.

November 29
Mary [Mrs. Frank A.] Kennedy to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]
Inquiring if her husband has been in New York to Keppler's knowledge. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 1
Morses [sic] Johnson to Joseph Keppler
Requesting reduced fare railroad ticket to visit his son, Newell Johnson, at Carlisle.

December 2
Joseph Jacobs to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]
Saying he can get the "medicins" but not for less than $5.00 and the people want the money first, and requesting a loan of $15.00 or $20.00. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand] [Keppler has placed check marks throughout the text to punctuate it]
December 9
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Acknowledging some clothing sent for his brother, Harry, and his mother; saying that Keppler is the only one to whom he would sell his falseface, and that he has refused many former offers for it.

December 11
Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler
Asking several questions about various matters.

December 11
Peter D. Terrance to Joseph Keppler
Saying he has returned to college from his vacation home [St. Regis] and requesting reduced fare railroad ticket to Montreal.

December 14
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Acknowledging $5 from Keppler; reporting death of George White on December 11th; saying he cannot dispose of his falseface except for the price mentioned.

December 16
Mr. and Mrs. William Crow to Joseph Keppler
Reporting death of George White on December 11th and requesting a loan of $10.00 until the coming summer.

December 19
Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler
Asking Keppler to endeavor to get him work with the New York Central Railroad or the Sportman Company.
December 26

Baptist Thomas to Joseph Keppler
Announcing death of Orris Farmer the previous morning.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 30

Alfred Logan to Joseph Keppler
Concerning case of Albert Snow as a deserter from U. S. Navy, asking Keppler's assistance.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
[Date judged from paper and place]

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that the goods had been distributed to everyone's satisfaction and that Mr. Lincoln of the Thomas Orphanage desired to discuss the matter of a library building with Keppler.

Between May 15 and 31 [This may well be March-April]

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Relinquishing all claim to a belt found by Keppler and requesting reduced railroad fare order, Buffalo to Albany.

January 6

Alfred Logan to Joseph Keppler

Concerning case of Albert Snow who is on U. S. S. Hancock at Brooklyn Navy Yard awaiting sentence for desertion.

[Attached to which is copy of letter from Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy to Senator Penrose, Pennsylvania concerning the Snow case and calling attention to leniency involved. See also letters of Andrew John 1/10, 1/12, 1905]

January 10

Andrew John to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that he has asked Senator Penrose to interest himself in the matter of charges of desertion against Albert W. Snow.

[See Alfred Logan correspondence]
January 12

Andrew John to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing copies of letters showing clemency extended in case of Albert W. Snow.

[See as above]

January 13

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of Orris Farmer [of Onondaga Reservation] on the preceding Christmas day.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

January 13

Brooklyn, New York

Coughlan to Keppler [telegram]

Saying that A. W. Snow sent to Charleston, S. C.

January 14

New York, New York

Edward Hageman Hall to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging his letter of the previous day in which Keppler refused permission to print his talk on Seneca Folk-lore in the next annual report.

This is on the stationery of The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, of which Hall was Secretary.

January 26

R. F. D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he is to have a job at the Sportmen's Show from February 21 to March 9 and asking Keppler to verify this arrangement at the New York office.

January 28

Lawton's Sta., New York

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Announcing that New Year's Dance commences February 9 and asking aid for himself.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 31

Mrs. Orris Farmer to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Thanks Keppler for letter of condolence on death of her husband.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 2

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the coming New Year's Ceremony on February 9th at Newtown, to last 9 days and saying that the 11th, 12th and 13th will be the best days; asking about the progress of arrangements with Doyle and discussing the matter of old clothing for his family.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing opening of the New Year Ceremony on February 9th and mentioning illness of his wife and children.

February 4

James Phillips to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a loan, to be repaid in April; announcing death of his sister's son on January 31.

February 14

Mrs. Orris Farmer to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for railroad tickets but saying they cannot be used because of illness. Announcing death of Elizabeth Waterman, age 94.
February 25

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Discussing the purchase of an archaeological collection; stating that Melvil Dewey [Dr. Dewey was then in the Education Department at Albany] was interested in Mrs. Converse's Iroquois Legends manuscript; acknowledging his indebtedness to Keppler for financial aid the previous autumn.

Onondaga Castle, New York

Mrs. Orris Farmer to Joseph Keppler

Asking that railroad tickets to Akron now be procured.

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the hard winter and making inquiry concerning the Vreeland Bill.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 12

Barber Black to Joseph Keppler

Agreeing to arrangements between them as to games for lacrosse team.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 12

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Mr. Kennedy is now willing to part with his collection for $60 and sketching a wampum notification string on notched stick that either he or Mr. Heye might want to purchase from Delos Kittle.
[There is a penciled memo in Keppler's hand on p. 4.]
March 13

Hiram Jones to Joseph Keppler

Asking that he be aided in gaining employment [he would like to be a policeman]; saying he once worked for De Cost Smith [probably posing, as Smith painted much Indian composition]; reporting a good dance "last night" at which a white man from Syracuse was adopted and that he has a brother in Philadelphia.

March 16

Edward Corplanter to Joseph Keppler

Making further inquiry concerning arrangements for the lacrosse team.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 16

George F. Kunz to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is glad Keppler has accepted membership in the "Scenic Society" and asking him to write an account of the privilege that certain [Indian] women enjoyed in rearing children.

March 20

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the packing of the Kennedy collection and stating that he has suffered a foot injury due to the puncture from a rusty darning needle.

March 27

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Discussing further details concerning the Kennedy collection; stating that he is busy recording songs and that he is obtaining a great amount of information; requesting that his lantern and slides be packed and shipped.

[The third sheet is unnumbered.]
March 28

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing deaths in Moses Lay's family; asking for a small loan with which to purchase seed potatoes.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Lawton Station, New York

April 3

Solon Skye to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Keppler to send names of managers of lacrosse teams which team he manages might play.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Akron, New York

April [prior to 11th]

Frank Logan to Joseph Keppler

Asking for reduced railroad fare ticket as he desires to go to Tonawanda Reservation for Indian medical treatment.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Onondaga Res., New York

April 11

Frank Logan to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for reduced fare ticket and stating he has to return to Tonawanda Reservation for further treatment in June.

Onondaga Res., New York

April 16

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[7 sheets]

Thanking Keppler for the cheering news from Washington; discussing commissions on purchases made for Mr. Heye; mentioning inquiries about the Kansas Claim monies; mentioning specimens sent or soon to be acquired; reporting that recordings of songs have been continued and listing those who have sung for him; discussing the difficulties of such recordings; mentioning his wife's poor health and his connections with the Education Department at Albany.
May 10

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning the reason for his change of address and that a beaded belt has been sent for Mr. Heye's approval.

May 15

Dan [La France] Red Eagle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing safe arrival and saying that all Indians are housed on the exhibition grounds. Discusses the popularity of their basket making, saying that "Brant" Sere is living in Yorkshire and calls himself Hiawatha. Papooses made as much as $2.50 a day in gifts.

May 15

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Dan [La France] Red Eagle and family are in England and are well; discussing Mrs. Converse's grave marker and the ceremonies to be held at General Parker's grave on the coming memorial day; mentioning personal financial stringencies; reporting that he may be employed by the New York State Museum to conduct excavations and that Dr. Draper [the Commissioner of Education, New York] and Dr. Rogers [Assistant Commissioner] have been most complimentary in their remarks on his earlier work.

May 31

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Reporting on the great success of his visit to the Education Department at Albany and that the translations of the teachings of Handsome Lake are progressing rapidly.
June 13

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging contribution by Keppler and announcing the resignation of James Crow as chief.

June 25

E. Tahamont [Dark Cloud] to Joseph Keppler

Saying his mother is recovering from pneumonia and stating he is in great need of work.

July 1

James Phillips to Joseph Keppler

Repaying $2.00.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 31

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting death of John Luke the previous day and announcing a pending Medicine Society meeting.

September

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[4 sheets]

Reporting on the employment of the KansasClaim monies by the people, some using their share to improve homes, some drinking it up, and stating that he is excavating at the old fort at Burning Spring; discussing matters pertaining to certain prices of the Kennedy collection sought by Mr. Heye; reporting the inclusion of some of his Ely S. Parker papers in Vol. VIII of the Transactions of the Buffalo Historical Society.
[1908 con.]

September 15
Joseph White Eagle to Joseph Keppler [post card]
Requesting Keppler to send money.

September 19
Joseph White Eagle to Joseph Keppler
Asking Keppler to take care of "these three men."

September 25
Joseph White Eagle to Joseph Keppler
Acknowledging receipt of money and saying that men have been paid.

September 30
Enclosing papers covering reduced fare railroad tickets Syracuse to New York. To this is attached receipt of New York Central Railroad ticket agent at Syracuse for $12.12, date-stamped September 28th and ticket form #366 [Keppler to C.P.A., West Shore Railroad for 2 tickets in Doxon's name, dated September 29th]

October 16
Lawton Station, New York
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Saying that his family had received its share of the Kansas Claim money and he had bought a house and lot from David John and a horse, harness and lumber wagon; that he is to preach at the Onondaga Long House in Canada on October 28th and at the Onondaga Reservation near Syracuse on November 11th.

October 28
Lawton Station, New York
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Making inquiry about reduced railroad fares to and from Canada.
October 28

Kelly Lay to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a delegation having gone to the Six Nations meeting in Canada, he not being able to go as was too busy at work in his garden and on his new house; that many new houses have been built at Newtown; that he and Jake Jimerson are to play lacrosse the following Saturday, the first game he has played since his return from Carlisle.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 31

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Announcing that the State Education Department will pay $100 for Mrs. Converse's legends and discussing the details; reporting on his recent photography; saying he expects to send some specimens to Mr. Heye.

November 3

Chauncey E. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Saying his wife has been very ill for 2 months and that he may try to attend the Six Nations meeting at Onondaga.

[Verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand]

November 3

A. A. Elm to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for order for reduced fare railroad ticket which was honored.

November 4

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that arrangements had been made in Buffalo for reduced fare tickets to and from the Onondaga meeting at Syracuse.
November 24

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[4 sheets]

Announcing the early printing of the Converse legends; discussing the disposition of his personal effects stored with Keppler at Inwood; quoting from a letter from Dr. Clarke in which he hopes to appoint Parker State Archaeologist; reporting his continuing work on the Code of Handsome Lake.

December 4

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the people are all agreed as to Keppler's plans for the Handsome Lake grave monument.

December 7

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting the date for the Gagosa Feast as December 13 and asking that the old falseface be sent him in time.

December 12

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Discussing Indian words and asking Keppler to write W. J. & S. E. McClusky, attorneys in Syracuse, regarding the land in which Schanandoah is interested.
[Penciled notations of Indian word in Keppler's hand]

December 15

W. J. & S. E. McClusky to Chapman Schanandoah

Concerning their appearance as the attorneys of Isaac Honyst in the matter of foreclosure proceedings and that the question will come up again the following Spring.
December 15

Edward Thomas to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced railroad fare ticket Syracuse to Canada.
[This letter is on stationery of Onondaga Indian Athletic Club and is signed as captain of the lacrosse team]

December 18

Ulysses G. Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced railroad fare tickets for self and mother; speaking of coming Condolence ceremonies.

December 30

C. E. Lambert to Joseph Keppler

Announcing that reduced fares to Indians will be discontinued as of January 1, 1906.
Undated—probably autumn

Chapman Schauandoah to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing repayment of a loan and saying he is sending a present of cigars; complaining about Keppler’s handwriting.

1906-07

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying Mrs. Converse’s legends are to be published and that he has commenced editorial work on them.

January 2

David Warrior to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced railroad fare tickets for himself, Elon Eels, and Ernest Spring to confer with Van Voorhis, their attorney, on tribal matters at Rochester.

January 9

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has located wampum and old costume material.

January 23

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the opening of the New Year’s Ceremony on January 29th.

February 8

James Crow to Joseph Keppler

Saying that a fire occurred in his home on February 5th but that only some blankets, clothes, and a bed were burned. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]
February 8

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Asking for an appointment, preferably on Washington's Birthday.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 16

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]
Announcing death of Chester C. Lay on February 13th and that his coming funeral will probably be the largest in the history of the Reservation.

February 20

Solon Skye to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Chauncey Abrams is seriously ill and reporting death of Abram's wife "last Friday."

February 26

Solon Skye to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of Chauncey Abrams on February 25, 1906 at 12:30 o'clock.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 27

Barber Black to Joseph Keppler

[telegram]
Announcing death of Chauncey Abrams and time of funeral services.
[Abrams died February 25]

February 28

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of his grandson, February 25.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
March 8  Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a visit to Frank Abrams for the Cold Spring Long House meeting; announcing several deaths on the Reservation and that there was a large crowd, including nearly 150 whites, at Chester Lay's funeral.

March 11  Lawton's Sta., New York

[Mrs.] Mary Davies to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is the widow of Young Davies and in need of clothing; reporting that Willie Crow, wife and baby lost all their clothing in fire at James Phillips' house and requests Keppler send some to them.

March 28  Gowanda, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that two phonograph recordings of dances are being sent under separate cover and discussing mechanical difficulties in making the recordings.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

April 2  Buffalo, New York

L. Everett Schneider to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Discussing the wampum matter covered in his letters of March 1904 and explaining that he did not steal the $1.00 but that the lawyer holding the wampum refused to send it to Keppler on approval; it is now being sent and Schneider hopes to obtain sufficient monies with which to purchase some brooches.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
April 4

Charles Doxon to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Expressing his appreciation of the trip to Staten Island and saying that he has discussed Keppler’s proposed visit to the Cherokees with those boys and girls at Hampton Institute. To this is attached a note of introduction addressed to Miss Arizona Swayney or Theodor Owl at Wahhiyala, Swain County, North Carolina and a slip carrying Miss Swayney’s name and address.

[Verso of p. 2 is marked, in Keppler’s hand, “Ans.: ApI. 7th.”]

April 17

Lawton’s Sta., New York

[Mrs.] Mary Davis[Davies] to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has given George Pierce the article sent to him and that the specimens Keppler mentions as belonging to George Williams are now used as playthings by his sister’s children, but that she [M.D.] will try to get them.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

April 18

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying the people had subscribed $50.00 toward the Handsome Lake monument and making inquiry concerning the Kansas award.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

April 26

Akron, New York

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Complaining that the man holding the wampum is evasive and that he is going to bring suit against him for the restitution of his property; describing the wampum strings which are supposed to have been used by Chief Blacksnake in 1790 during a meeting with President Washington and asking Keppler to suggest the value of them.
April 30

Frank Jibeau [Dibo, Diabo] to Joseph Keppler

Asking that Keppler communicate with Chester Howe regarding Canadian Iroquois claim against State of New York.

May 2

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he is going into Buffalo the following day to get the wampum and that he awaits Keppler’s offer on it before considering one from Buffalo; reporting two masks for sale.

May 11

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Saying he has not heard from Frank Logan in acknowledgment of the monument subscription money sent him.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

May 14

Receipt in Joseph Keppler’s handwriting signed by Spencer Williams for loan of $8.00.

May 21

L. E. Schneider to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has sent a mask on approval and that he cannot get the wampum unless he sues the man for it; mentioning a wooden spoon for sale and his plan to secure the brooches by putting down a $10.00 deposit on them.

May 26

LeRoy Wilson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has packed the two bowls and is shipping them that evening.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]
May 28

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his sister, Lena, is recovering from a long siege of illness and reporting a lacrosse game won by the Tonawanda boys.

June 3

Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying his local work is not very remunerative and expressing a wish to get employment in New York; asking for some eagle feathers.

June 3

William Sandy to Joseph Keppler

Stating that his property is now entirely fenced; that there has been a council in the Onondaga Long House about the Handsome Lake monument in New York State; asking about the "Kansas Claim" and about reduced railroad fare tickets to Syracuse the coming summer.

June 13

Solon Skye to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has turned over certain monies; announcing Council meeting to select date for Strawberry Dance.

June 18

David Warrior to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced fare railroad tickets for a party of at least 10 to Auburn, New York.

July 7

Charles Doxon to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will obtain details of the unveiling of Beautiful [Handsme] Lake's monument from Frank Logan. [Marked on verso: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
July 9

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
Discussing the season's program for excavations in Chautauqua County.

July 11

David R. Hill to Joseph Keppler
Requesting reduced fare railroad tickets for a group attending the Condolence of the Six Nations during the week of July 23rd.

July 27

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]
Explaining that he felt under obligation to offer the "Tonawanda crown" first to the State Museum; sending some clippings; mentioning his success at excavations; expressing a wish that he might be connected with the "collection in N. Y." [the then Heye Museum] but hoping that he may be successful in his competition for appointment as State Archaeologist.

August 21

Joseph White Eagle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Mentioning accident to his son; offering to get an Indian group for fair.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 26

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Saying that his trip from San Francisco by Army transport took 28 days and that he has settled down to shop work in agreeable surroundings.
September 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of the Green Corn Feast as September 9th and noting two recent deaths.

September 5

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has just returned from a trip to Jamestown with the Hiawatha Show Company; announcing the death of Moses Lay on August 22 and the date of the Green Corn Dance as September 9th; he is to preach at the South Spring Long House, in Ontario, Canada.

[This is on the stationery of the Hartman Lyceum Bureau]

September 27

Joseph Regis to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Thanking him for his successful efforts to have his son, Peter Regis, admitted to Carlisle Indian School.

October 6

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Thanking him for procuring certain signatures for his application [for State Archaeologist]; mentioning the wild claims of a Helen F. Troy of Auburn connecting the lore of the Iroquois with Solomon, Buddha and Confucius.

[There are penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand on p. 4 of sheet 2.]
October 11

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of his wife and requesting money for ten-day feast.

October 20

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent and telling of attendance at the Six Nations' meeting.

October 27

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Announcing his success in the recent examinations for State Archaeologist; discussing plans for installation of the museum in the new Education Building to be completed in 1909; speaking of the publication of his field reports and a bulletin on masks.

[The verso of p. 2 carries notations in Keppler's hand]

November 19

R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

Complaining that Moses Logan, for whom he has been working, has never paid him, nor the woman also employed by Logan and asking Keppler to aid him in collecting the $18 due him by talking to "Mr. Tike."

December 18

Steamburg, New York

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of one of her older sons.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 26

Chondaga Castle, New York

Frank Logan to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has collected only $12.50 from Canada for the Handsome Lake Memorial; asking if Keppler has ever been approached to contribute.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 2

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his whole family to be in good health and that he is going to Canada on January 19th.

January 3

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he is ill and announcing that the Night Song is to be held on January 19th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

January 11

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the opening of the New Year Ceremony on January 19 and that he is planning to visit Batavia to obtain a copy of the agreement between the Tonawanda Senecas and the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railway Co., dated March 2, 1882.

[See Folio No. W.3-1 for this document]

January 14

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is in Batavia to obtain a copy of the “agreement” desired by Keppler.

January 14

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of New Year Ceremony as January 19th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]
January 30

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting he has the cradle purchased by Keppler in Canada, the owner having refused, however, to include any of its equipment, and that it will be shipped to Keppler with articles from Mr. Schneider the following Saturday.

January 30

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Saying she had expected to see him at the recent New Year's Ceremony and reporting that she has been very lame.

January 31

Thomas Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying that money sent arrived a bit late but will be held for some future dance; that clothing sent to Nation has been distributed. [Attached to this is a copy of the letter in Keppler's hand]

February 4

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Giving information as to the source of a story in the "Sunday Sun" on Indian New Years.

February 7

Clayton C. White to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the deaths of two of his relatives, Mrs. Julia Titus (?) and her daughter, Laurie Twoguns. [Marked: "Ans. Feb. 13" in Keppler's hand]
February 9

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting sickness and some deaths on the Reservation and asking if the cradle-board has been received.  [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 22

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he is still trying to locate a copy of the Tonawanda Seneca - Railway Co. agreement [see letter January 11, 1907] but, as yet, has been unsuccessful.  [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 10

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he could get nothing but unfulfilled promises about a copy of the Tonawanda Seneca - Railway Company agreement [see letter January 11, 1907] from the District Attorney and had engaged a lawyer to procure it at a cost of from $5.00 to $10.00.

April 9

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he still has not received a copy of the Tonawanda Seneca - Railway Company agreement and that he will go to Batavia shortly to look into the matter again; saying he knows of no one by the name of James Sundown on the Reservation.

April 20

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying his half-brother, Jesse Sundown, would like a knife similar to the one Keppler gave him and that he is enclosing the money for it; reporting that the year of the Tonawanda Seneca - Railway Company agreement was 1882.  [See letter January 11, 1907]  [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
April 21

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying the falseface is being held to join an important ceremony and that it should be sent only when he [Kittle] requests it; reporting the death of George Pierce on April 17th. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

April 24

R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Stating that Nicholas Honyoast was acquitted of a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Jacobs, being, thereby, luckier than Shaw [?]; describing another shooting involving George and undersheriff Mooney. [The verso of sheet 3 carries penciled memo in Keppler’s hand]

May 6

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the safe arrival of the knife for his brother and the balance of money due him and saying that he is still at work trying to get a copy of the railroad agreement.

May 20

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of George Pierce and date of Night Song as being June 1.

June 6

Versailles, New York

David Warrior to Joseph Keppler

Requesting three reduced fare railroad tickets to Albany to attend a hearing before the Governor on tribal matters. To this is attached a letter from the G. F. A., West Shore Railroad, dated New York, June 12, 1907, saying that it is impossible to issue reduced fare tickets.
July 9

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting death of James Halftown at Red House on July 4th.

July 31

Harry Isaac to Joseph Keppler

Hoping that Keppler can get him a job at Madison Square Garden or with David R. Hall's Company of Onondaga Indians.

July 31

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying if the promised article is found among James Halftown's effects, it will be sent Keppler.

August 7

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Mentioning two new publications from Beauchamp's pen; discussing the delay in publishing the Converse Iroquois legends.

September 24

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced railroad fare ticket to attend Iroquois Temperance League convention at the Tuscarora Reservation on October 1.

[This bears a stamp of the New York Central Lines dated September 28, 1907]

October 9

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting death of son of Crawford Obial and repairs to the Kittle house; explaining that any stories Keppler hears from Tonawanda Reservation are all based on jealousy.
October 15

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Reporting all her relatives to be in good health and requesting a small loan.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 20

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Stating his pleasure in the expectancy of a coming visit from Keppler.

November 7

Edward Complanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is on the road with the Hartman Indian show and that his son, Jesse, and his daughter, Martha, are with him, and sending an itinerary of the tour.

[This is on the stationery of The Indocrafters]

[Marked: "Ans. Nov. 10" in Keppler's hand]

November 7

Thomas H. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler

Requesting reduced railroad fare to appear before the U. S. Circuit Court at Buffalo in the case of recovery of interest on the Kansas Award.

November 13

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Reporting her husband to be in poor health and requesting a small loan.

[Marked: "Ans. OK" in Keppler's hand]
November 16

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing two lists to be printed [these are missing] and reporting the serious illness of his wife. [There are two penciled notations in Keppler's hand; page 3 "original in possession of Blacksmith of Gowanda"; page 4, memo for hand bills]

November 24

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting an improvement in his wife's health and enclosing another copy of some document or picture from Cold Spring; asking that the old mask be sent for a ceremony the following Sunday. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 2

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of the old mask and stating they want 2 copies of the Handsome Lake [picture?], one framed.

December 21

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of his wife on December 18th.

December 27

Irving, New York

Charles Kennedy to Joseph Keppler

Expressing thanks for clothing sent him.

December 27

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying he expects to go and live with his mother although he is trying to stay in his late wife's house until the following Spring.
December 30

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Asking if Keppler would want several articles made by his sister; saying his half-brother, Jesse Sundown, lost his wife three weeks previously, together with her newly born twins.
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Eastern Scandaho to Joseph Keppler

Making inquiry about one Dark Cloud hiring Indians for a dance show.
[Verse marked: Answered June 25th]

July 26 [?]

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Replying as to the danger of some visit about which his opinion was asked.

January 7

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Inquiring as to the Handsome Lake pictures and announcing that the New Year's Ceremony opens on February 7th.
[The verso carries a rough pencil sketch by Keppler.]

January 7

R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Chapman Scandaho to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for money and saying that his baby boy has been ill but is now considered out of danger.

January 8

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Describing the sorrow in his household because of his wife's death and that it was necessary to sell his horse and cow to meet the expense of her illness and funeral.

January 17


LeRoy W. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Detailing marital troubles and final action and expressing hope that his wife has not begged funds of Keppler.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 19

Dan [La France] Red Eagle to Joseph Keppler
Discussing Abnaki words supplied by his wife.

January 25

Alice White to Joseph Keppler
Announcing the coming New Year's Ceremony on February 7 and reporting the continued illness of her husband.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 1

Delos E. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Reporting that he was "kicked out" by his step-daughter and asking for a loan of his old mask and the one Keppler procured from George Jones for the coming ceremonies [New Year].

February 2

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler
Saying he is progressing with work on the boat; that he has not received the promised picture and that he would like an opportunity to go to New York "in the show business" [probably referring to the Indian group being organized for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration].

February 17

Gerry Jones to Joseph Keppler
Saying that the goods brought by Keppler have been distributed, his grandchildren getting a number of articles.

February 18

Frank Diabo [Dibo, Dibeau] to Joseph Keppler [post card]
Requesting an appointment.
February 19

W. Honyoust Rockwell to Joseph Keppler

Stating that he had been selected to represent his tribe [Oneidas] in presenting minor claims and requesting a letter of introduction from Keppler to President Theodore Roosevelt or his secretary.

February 24

Thomas Fatty to Joseph Keppler

Requesting aid, clothes, etc.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 28

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the receipt of a scarf pin from Keppler; discussing certain bills now in the Legislature at Albany.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 2

[Mrs.] Sally Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is sending hemlock brush to make tea good for a cold. Announcing death of wife of Sylvester Crouse on [February?] 25th.

March 21

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying they are organizing a lacrosse team and inquiring whether Keppler can arrange games for it; the boat is finished and will be shipped soon.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 27

Skidmore Lay to Joseph Keppler

[Post card]

Acknowledging receipt of two "wreks" [?] [rakes?] sent him.
March 30

Frank Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for photographs sent and saying there have been four deaths on the Reservation since his visit.

March 31

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has again been chosen as manager of the lacrosse team and enquiring as to cost of printing stationery.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

April 9

Frank Dibo [Diabo, Dibeau] to Joseph Keppler

Requesting information as to the progress of Canadian Iroquois claim against the State of New York.

May 25

Frank Dibo to Joseph Keppler

Asking what progress in the Canadian Iroquois claim against State of New York and reporting that Montreal papers are mentioning an early settlement.

June 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a recent illness cured by the Little Water Society after medical treatment has proved of no avail.

June 6

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of Night Song as June 13th.
June 8

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Strawberry Dance for June 13th and a meeting of the Medicine Society that night.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

June 12

John L. Snyder to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has not been able to get to New York and inquiring when Keppler expects to visit them again.

June 15

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Reporting the death of Martin Jimerson on June 13, and mentioning the recent Strawberry Festival.

June 25

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Announcing his return to the field and the procurement of a red stone masquette and two elk teeth for Keppler; reporting that the editorial work on Mrs. Converse's legends is completed; stating that Delos Kittle has been ill and has lost 100 pounds.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

After June 25

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Explaining the delay in sending the stone masquette; announcing the publication date of the Converse legends as December 15, 1908 and discussing the possibilities of a special paper edition; naming the source of certain relics.
July 2

Onondaga Castle, New York

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Requesting him to see Jake Schwarz, an Indian show promoter, saying he has a troupe of 6 that would like employment.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

July 20

R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Charles Doxon to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that the message has been delivered to Chief Logan and that it is to be framed and hung in the Long House; that he is planning a fishing trip and that his vacation is passing rapidly.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

July 24

West Salamanca, New York

Perry L. John to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Requesting that his lacrosse team be scheduled for a series of games in New York City.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 7

Akron, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Voicing the regret of many on the Reservation that Keppler could not visit them; reporting that Albert Spring, son of Henry Spring, had nearly killed another Indian, William Strong, on August 1st or 2nd during a drunken row.

August 15

R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Chapman Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Reporting illness of his oldest baby; that the deal with Mrs. George has gone through and that he has purchased the house being financed by Keppler and an insurance company; he thinks the best thing he can do is to return to the Navy.
September 7

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Frank Logan, head chief, [at Onondaga Reservation] has not attended any recent ceremonies, nor does he intend to be at the Six Nations meeting commencing September 26.

September 13

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Announcing the Green Corn Dance for the following day and asking Keppler to procure a copy of the paper carrying the approval of the President of the United States of the Indian religion and asking for a flint for his "lighter."

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 10

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Six Nations meeting as October 24th and asking for a donation.

October 10

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Stating that some specimens are being sent, including some pottery vessels and a pipe, which may interest Mr. Heye; mentioning some notes on recent ceremonies which can be incorporated in a book on Seneca ethnology, now contemplated; stating that the Converse legends are now in the printer's hands but may be delayed because of other copy now waiting publication.

October 23

Frank Dibo to Joseph Keppler

Enquiring as to news of Canadian Iroquois claim against State of New York.

[Marked: Answered Oct. 27th, in Keppler's hand]
October 25

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Announcing his proposed trip to the Six Nations meeting in Canada and to another Reservation near St. Thomas, Ontario.

October 31

Frank Dibo to Joseph Keppler

Enquiring as to progress in Canadian Iroquois claim against State of New York.

November 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for contribution to the "feast" and reporting that his mother is in poor health.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 14

[Probably Syracuse, New York]

David R. Hill to Joseph Keppler

Requesting that Keppler endeavor to find him work in New York City.

[This is on the stationery of the Onondaga Indian Concert Band and is marked "Ans" in Keppler's hand]

November 18

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the New Year's Ceremony will probably commence on January 27th, 1909.

[This is in the hand of Jesse J. Cornplanter and page 4 carries a pen and ink drawing of an Indian by J. J. C.]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 30

David R. Hill to Joseph Keppler

Continuing his inquiry as to obtaining employment in New York City.
December 1

Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying that he wishes Keppler could sell his feather bonnet for $15 and asking for help in getting work in New York.

December 6

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Asking a contribution to the one year feast on the anniversary of his wife's death, and reporting his mother to be improved.

[See her letter, Louisa Kittle, December 12, 1908]

December 7

Lawton’s, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the New Year’s Ceremony as January 27, 1909.

[This is in the hand of Jesse J. Cornplanter.]

December 12

Louisa Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting severe illness of her sister, Mary Jones; requesting clothing; saying that her son, Delos, is to hold a 1 year feast on the anniversary of his wife's death and that he is to remarry on January 2nd next.

December 20

U.S.S. Dubuque, Key West, Florida

Chapman Schanendoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that they stayed at Puerto Cortes, Honduras, for quite a time and describing the banana industry there and that they expect to spend Christmas at Havana.

December 21

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting death of his aunt, Mary Jones, and asking a donation to the 10 day feast.
December 26
Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking for a small loan and assuring Keppler of repayment once he is working for Cary W. Hartman again.

[Page 4 carries some sketches and a size notation in Keppler's hand]