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CALENDAR
1909–1918
January

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his recent marriage and saying he is living 3 miles west of Newtown.

January 15

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing his recent marriage to Elsina Billy - she living on Tonawanda Reservation; giving the daily schedule of the New Year Ceremonies commencing on January 26th. [See letters of 12/31/29; 1/13/30 and 7/30/30]

January 21

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date for Night Song as February 1st and the commencement of New Year's Ceremony on January 26th.

January 24

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting preparations for the New Year Ceremonies.

January 25

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that all are well on the Reservation and announcing the date of the New Year's Dance as February 7th.

January 29

William Sandy to Joseph Keppler

Requesting information about monies due the Tutelo nation for lands given up in Virginia and saying that the Indians' copy of the treaty, the original being in Richmond, was destroyed in a fire which consumed John Harris' house.
February 2

Mitchell Dibo to Joseph Keppler

No answer to their letter to Wagner and Garrison on the Canadian Iroquois claim against State of New York. [There is a note in Keppler's hand asking for copies of Acts of 1841 and 1844 and copies of annuity receipts 1830-1841] [This will be found under "Caughnawaga Claim" in J.K. Ms. Collection]

February 9

George Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

Announcing his arrival in New York City on "Thursday morning."

February 11

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the New Year ceremonies were successful; announcing a Six Nations meeting at Cold Spring, New York, in the autumn, and asking about feathers. He is making a model canoe. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 11

Mrs. Young Lay to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is making a basket for him. This is on a Hartman picture post card but it evidently had an envelope cover as it bears neither stamp nor post mark.

February 23

Jasper Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

Requesting information as to whether his father, George Jacobs, is still in New York. [Page 4 is marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 25

Simon George to Joseph Keppler

Offering for sale an old snow snake made by his father, James George. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
February 25

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Asking that samples of feathers be sent him.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 6

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting death of his daughter, Geneva, on March 1st.

March 9

Howard Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he wants $1.50 for the model canoe and .50 cents a piece for the husk dolls, and that he will take the least expensive feathers. Reports an epidemic of measles on the Reservation which has caused the death of four children in a month.

[Marked: Ans. $1.00 for dolls, canoe returned," in Keppler's hand]

March 12

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying they have no more green corn; that Keppler need not hurry about the "medicine"; that there is to be a Condolence Ceremony at Onondaga on March 16th.

March 13

Sally Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Complaining that she has not heard from Keppler in a long time and hoping he is not dead.

April 5

Joseph Keppler to Arthur Parker

Discussing Keppler's break with Tahamaunt.

[This is a copy in Keppler's hand and marked "Confidential."]
April 7

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Expressing his regret over the Tahamont matter and discussing several sales of specimens in which Tahamont had been involved.

[The verso of 3 carries, in Keppler's hand, the word "accompany."]

May 3

Plank Road, Cattaraugus Res., New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Requesting loan of the old mask for a coming feast.

May 4

Moses Stacey [for Councilman] to Joseph Keppler

Inquiring as to case of Canadian Iroquois against State of New York.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

May 12

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

[Mrs.] Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Sending $60 in repayment of loan and reporting illness of the baby.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

May 18

Plank Road, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Explaining delay in the return of the falseface.

May 30

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Asking if his wife repaid the money borrowed from Keppler; sending some bayrun; announcing his weight as 225 pounds.
June 7

L. Everett Schneider to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Outlining in considerable detail his plan to procure for Keppler at least two of the five belts now at Grand River Reservation in which, he has heard through Lyman Johnson, Keppler is interested.

[The verso of 3 carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand]

June 11

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting that he has at least been able to get some green corn; asking Keppler if some agency will purchase his father's remedy to cure the drinking habit; wondering if a game can be arranged with the Crescent Athletic Club for the lacrosse team and stating the Tonawanda team is much stronger than that from Cattaraugus.

[This letter is in the hand of L. Everett Schneider [cf.] and it carries a postscript signed by him attesting the prowess of the Tonawanda team.]

June 15

Edward Complanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Strawberry Dance at Newtown Long House on June 19th.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

June 21

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[post card]

Announcing the successful completion of the Strawberry Festival, and saying [on face of card] that Kelly [Lay] has Keppler's snow-snow of black walnut.
Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the Tonawanda Seneca-Railway Company agreement has been located at last and arrangements have been made to have it copied; that preparations are being made for the coming Six Nations meeting; that his father's rheumatic remedy is most efficient; reporting that the West Shore Railroad seeks more Reservation land in order to double-track their line.

[This is on the stationery of L. Everett Schneider, and is in his hand.]

Henry W. Sackett to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Keppler's appointment by the Mayor as a member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

[This is on the stationery of the Commission, of which Sackett was Secretary.]

[Mrs.] Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Inquiring about Indian bead manufacturers and saying Bennie is a year old and is learning to walk.

[Marked; Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Kelly Lay to Joseph Keppler

Saying the date for the Green Corn Dance has not been set; that he cannot leave with the group going to New York next month and that he is shipping the flute Keppler wanted.

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Enclosing copy of the Tonawanda Seneca-Railway Company agreement which cost him $4.00; reporting a coming lacrosse game.
September 10

F. E. Moore to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he is endeavoring to get 125 Indians together for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration and asking for suggestions.

October 14

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying that the Council voted to make an additional grant of land to the West Shore Railroad; regretting that his father's poor health prevented him from attending the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

October 21

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Saying that her brother, Hiram Jacobs, visited on his way home from New York and they are preparing to go to the Six Nations meeting in Canada on October 23.

October 28

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Announcing sailing orders for Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

November 10

Sally Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

Asking for clothing and suggesting that money be sent so that she may procure some of proper size.

[On the verso is noted in Keppler's hand: "Ans.: Dec. 6th: enclosure."
November 11

Charles Doxon to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying he has returned to Onondaga Castle for good; that the Virginia climate did not agree with him; that he sent George Van Every, Jr. to Hampton Institute "this fall" and asking if Keppler could arrange to give the boy work during his four-month summer vacations.

[Verso of p. 2 marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 1

Moses Stacey [for Councilmen] to Joseph Keppler

Making further inquiry as to case of Canadian Iroquois against the State of New York.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 4

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his family's old homestead is now in the hands of white people.

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

December 8

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that a Mr. Decker of Rochester is to continue the case and asking Keppler to write Decker for full details of the case; that his mother and uncle were thrown or carried forcibly from the house; that Rockwell is not at Oneida at this writing.

December 14 [Post Mark]

Sally Jacobs to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Acknowledging money sent her.
Alice White to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Announcing the coming New Year's Ceremony and the deaths of her brother-in-law's, Reuben White's, daughter on January 1, and those of neighboring twin babies.
[The verso of 2 carries memoranda in Keppler's hand, the address of Wm. H. Rockwell in Syracuse and that of Chapman Schanandoah on the U.S.S. Dubuque and its Commander's name, John E. Craven.]

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Lawton Station, New York
Announcing beginning of New Year's Ceremony on January 16th.

Alice White to Joseph Keppler
Announcing the death of her mother, Sally Jacobs, on January 11.

Charlotte Sundown to Joseph Keppler
Coldspring, New York
Request more pieces of silk for quilts.

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]
Inquiring if he received a letter written in January announcing the New Year Ceremony: reporting several deaths on the Reservation and that they have had heavy snow.
[Marked: "Ans. Feb. 18th" in Keppler's hand]
February 23

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting his mother critically ill and explaining the probabilities of why his announcement of the New Year Ceremony did not reach Keppler; other illnesses are mentioned and he states his "little" girl is doing well in school and can no longer speak the Iroquois language.

March 4

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying he desires to purchase more land and asking to borrow $100 at 7% interest, putting up three horses and a yearling colt as security.

March 7

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting on the price of corn-husk slippers made by Mrs. Steward Jones. [Verso marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 14

Joseph Keppler to Delos B. Kittle

Rough handwritten copy of a letter expressing his regret at learning that Kittle's daughter cannot speak her native tongue.

March 21

Chapman Schenandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that news from home informs him that his brother, Albert, is severely ill; asking how the favor he asked of Keppler is working out; there were quite a number of Indians at the Panama Canal Celebration in Tampa the preceding month and naming several. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 31

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying he would like to have the $50 for 18 months at 5% interest.
April 8

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

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his appreciation for the loan of $50 for 18 months with interest at 5%.

April 27

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Announcing the death of her son, George, and those of other children earlier.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

April 28

Louisa Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Reporting the death of her sister, Julia Jones, on April 27th and that now she has neither sisters nor brothers; asking a contribution to the death feast.

May 23

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Reporting that 14 people from the Reservation including their daughter, Grace, had gone to New York with Mr. Moore. [Moore was a showman]

May 24

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Describing hostilities then going on between the Nicaraguan government and the rebels; squads have been landed from his ship and the Paducah to guard the city of Bluefields; describing an overhauling of the ship "Venus" but mentioning that the United Fruit ships that are not molested are running all sorts of arms.

Steamburg, New York

Lawton Station, New York

Steamburg, New York

Bluefields, Nicaragua
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler  
[post card]

Announcing Strawberry Dance "next Sunday," June 12th.

July 5

Joseph Keppler to Cary W. Hartman  
[2 sheets]

Discussing Hartman's residence on the Cattaraugus Reservation without sanction of the people or the Council and disputing Hartman's claim that there is no opposition to his having moved onto the Reservation.  
[There is a typewritten unsigned original and a corrected carbon copy, signed by typewriter, of this letter.]

July 7

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for "looking after" her daughter and saying she is glad Mr. Moore is withholding some of her daughter's salary as she will need it for her family when she gets home.

July 10

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler  
[2 sheets]

Thanking Keppler for presenting his petition to the Secretary of the Navy but that it had been referred to his commanding officer and he does not believe anything will come of it, as both he and the chief engineer would not want to lose him, if possible; the warring over interior gold fields still goes on.  
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
August 10

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Discussing the publication of his work on the Hiawatha myths, the Constitution of the Fire Nations, and the Code of Handsome Lake and his source of information concerning them, but lack of appropriations make their early publication improbable.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 11

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of his daughter Martha the preceding day and asking a contribution to the Death Feast.

[Marked: "Ans.; $2 enclosed" in Keppler's hand]

October 10

Grace D. White to Joseph Keppler

Saying she returned safely and that they are going to Boston with the F.E. Moore show on November 6.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 14

Frank Logan to Joseph Keppler

Asking reduced railroad fare tickets for group attending Six Nation's meeting.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 5

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Seeking employment as a snare or bass drummer.

November 12

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Reporting all well in Newtown.
November 17
Lawton Station, New York
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]
Requesting loan of the old mask for a coming ceremony.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 29
Versailles, New York
N. C. Patterson to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]
Announcing that at a convention of the Seneca Nation he was appointed to register the disapproval of that Nation of the payment of $118,050.00 to the Indians in severalty, and requesting Keppler to be present at Long House at Newtown on December 10th.

November 30
Lawton Station, New York
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]
Apologizing for delay in returning the falseface to Keppler.

December

Joseph Keppler to Thomas Jones
Undated, but probably an answer to Jones' inquiry as to drawing his share of the $118,050.00 fund, and advising him to let it remain with the U. S. Treasury.
[This is in Keppler's hand]

December 7
Albany, New York
Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
Calling attention to the long article in the Buffalo Evening News of December 5, 1910 on the conditions on the Cattaraugus Reservation compiled by Cary W. Hartman as an appeal for funds, and branding it as "ingenious slander."
[The verso carries an address "W. T. Larned, 7 Phelps Place, New Brighton" in Keppler's hand]
December 13

T. F. Jamerson to Arthur Parker
[3 sheets]

Announcing that the people on Cattaraugus Reservation have taken the Buffalo "News" article as an insult and urging Parker to make reply to it. Reporting in detail Hartman's appearance before the Seneca National Council which refused to confirm his lease.

December 14

N. C. Patterson to Joseph Keppler
[5 sheets]

Saying that the petition has been sent out for signatures; reporting a meeting at Newtown longhouse attended by James McLaughlin and W. R. Logan, from the Department of Interior; discussing the distribution of the $118,050 and citing many laws covering the rights of the New York Indians and their appeals for protection to many courts.

December 19

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning his transfer to the "Tallahassee" now working to raise the sunken "puritan" but that he expects they will return to Washington soon.

December 20

Thomas Jones to Joseph Keppler

Asking about annuity money and requesting Keppler to come to Tonawanda Reservation and explain the matter as he did at Cattaraugus.

December 20

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Asking Keppler to look over the article and vouchers sent and requesting comment on it before sending it to Mr. Mallon [of the New York Sun?]

Brant, New York

Versailles, New York


Akron, New York

Albany, New York
December 29

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the "Sun" article will do as a start [see clipping, New York "Sun" December 28] and asking Keppler to supply him with the documentary evidence of Hartman's earlier crookedness; describing D. M. Silver of Buffalo as "Being a lawyer who fattens on Indian cases"; saying he hopes to have the Albany "Knickerbocker Press" publish an article in the fight against Hartman.

December 29

Grace D. White to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is ill and asking about the medicine Keppler got for her when she was at Glen Island [with the F. E. Moore show] which had helped her so much.

[There is a penciled memorandum in Keppler's hand on p. 4]
? July 10

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the matter of obtaining some brooches at Randolph.

January 9

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Making inquiry as to subscription to Washington paper recording activities of "United States Council" (Congressional Record?) and saying New Year's Ceremony begins 4th of next month. [The date and addressee's name have been obliterated through water damage, but the letter is undoubtedly to Keppler and the month and year are established from a letter of Sackett Hemlock (January 30, 1911) which establishes the year in which the Ceremony opened on February 4th.]

January 10

Daloe B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that he has had no word from Keppler that the falseface has been received; announcing date for the New Year Ceremony as February 4th. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

January 10

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying the Buffalo "News" has asked for 5 columns on Hertman and asking Keppler to get the data, pictures, etc. from the "Sun." [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 12
U.S.S. Tallahassee, Washington, D.C.

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is enjoying a 10 day leave at the moment and that his wife is with him; that the Bill just passed in the Senate brings him within 4 years of retirement age; asking for a copy of a letter he had written the previous summer.

January 13

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Keppler's advice on whether or not to draw his annuity money and expressing a lack of confidence in the present chiefs.

January 15

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Sending clipping from the Albany "Knickbocker Press" of January 15 and saying that his original copy has been blue-penciled considerably and saying that he is preparing the article for the Buffalo "News."

January 17

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the "documents" [probably the evidence against Hartman] and saying he is struggling with an attack of la grippe; he has been warned to look out for Hartman's "paid friends." [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

January 23


Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has returned the papers and that he is writing Sampson of the Rochester "Post Express" asking for space.
January 25

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Quoting from a letter received from Cary W. Hartman in which he threatens Parker with libel action and suggesting a reply.

January 25

Dilworth M. Silver to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing a reply to the "Sun" article by Parker and Keppler [December 29, 1910] which the editor of the "Sun" refused to publish.

January 26

Joseph Keppler to Dilworth M. Silver [2 sheets]

Acknowledging Silver's letter of the preceding day and explaining his opposition to Hartman's residence on the Cattaraugus reservation. [Two copies, both signed by typewriter]

January 26

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that the ministers and missionaries are also opposed to Hartman and explaining Silver's position.

January 27

Joseph Keppler to Arthur C. Parker [2 sheets]

Handwritten copy explaining to Parker his interest in the Hartman controversy and saying his opposition is not so much against the Indian Association as to Hartman personally; urging Parker to avoid legal difficulties, if possible, but not to be deterred from continuing the fight.
January 30

Lawton Station, New York

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing beginning of New Year's Ceremony on February 4th and asking Keppler to notify Parker; also announcing death of George Jacobs on January 27th.

January 31

Albany, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Saying he agrees with Keppler’s suggestions and sending information as to what changes on the Board of Managers of the Thomas Indian School Hartman is endeavoring to bring about so that he may be appointed superintendent; asking Keppler to obtain first-hand statements from individuals at Newton and complaining that he is still confined at home through illness.

February 1

Lawton Station, New York

Joseph Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been ill for a month and asking for aid; announcing death of George Jacobs “last Saturday.” [January 27th]

February 4

Albany, New York

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the “Knickerbocker Press” will retract nothing as demanded by Hartman but want Parker to assume responsibility for statements made; asking Keppler to check on certain matters when he visits the Reservation.

February 15

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[4 sheets]

Thanking Keppler for the notes made during his recent trip to the Cattaraugus Reservation; (a copy of these notes in Keppler's hand accompanies this letter); relating several of Silver's complaints against him and reporting on his reply to them; saying that Rev. Ward wishes to print the contents of a letter from J. M. Redmond of Toronto and asking Keppler's advice on this procedure. (A typewritten copy marked "Verbatim" of the Redmond letter accompanies this.)

February 17

Simon George to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Requesting Keppler to advise him as to what Keppler had told Lyman Johnson about the cash shares accruing to the Indians from the "Tonawanda Fund" and asking for information that might be given the people to prevent any further drawing of shares. (This is written on paper of Seneca Indian Baseball Club of which Simon George is noted as "Manager").

February 19

U.S.S. Tallahassie, Washington, D.C.

Chapman Schamandoah to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning occasional visits to Congress and discussing its business; he has seen Negroes posing as Indians.

February 26

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting information as to the reduction in the annual per capita annuity payments. (Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand)
March 29

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting on the fire at the State Capitol and his experiences in trying to rescue some of the Iroquois material and estimating that the loss to the Indian collections could not be replaced for $50,000.

April 3

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Announcing his removal to North Collins until November and asking Keppler to aid his mother in getting her money back. [This refers to some picture, and the Empire Art Institution, Syracuse, seems to be connected with the matter.]

April 9

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying he wants to buy a farm for $500 and asking a loan so that the purchase may be consummated. He explains how the money can be repaid within 4 or 5 years.

April 11

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[8 sheets]

Reporting in more detail the losses suffered through the Capitol fire, particularly by the Morgan collection and discussing plans for the new museum in the Education Building and asking Keppler to consider loaning his Iroquois collection to the State Museum; discussing texts he has in preparation or contemplation for future publication.

May 6

Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning trouble on the Reservation [St. Regis] and asking Keppler's aid. [See Joseph Wood correspondence in this connection.]
May 29

Joseph Keppler to Joseph Wood
[2 sheets]

Letter-press copy of letter saying that he is informed of the troubles the St. Regis people are having with their land rentals and asking further and more detailed information.

May 30

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of Night Song as June 3rd and requesting Keppler to notify Parker.

June [?]

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler
[7 sheets]

Mentioning names of real chiefs to be sent to Albany to be recognized in place of the elected chiefs; stating that a white agent is not desired; complaining that whites always think they can rule Indians; asking Keppler to hire a lawyer who will wait for pay until annuities are received.

June 5

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Complaining that elective chiefs are trouble makers; enquiring as to cost of a lawyer; saying the people are much happier under the old council arrangement and attaching 2 lists of names, one supporting the old chiefs [60 in number] and the other listing 19 opponents.

[Keppler has made a copy of this letter in his own hand]
Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of her daughter, Grace, on June 6, and that she leaves two small children.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Enoch Scanandaok to Joseph Keppler

Requesting him to see the manager of "Hillside Park" for possible work.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

Joseph Keppler to Joseph Wood
[2 sheets]

Letter-press copy of letter detailing advice as to procedures in removing the incompetent representatives from office in the St. Regis Council House.

Delos H. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Complaining that he has lost 56 lbs. in weight and asking if the rumor that Keppler is to bring a group of the people to New York is true.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
[The verso of page 2 carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand. Kittle's query and these notes probably have to do with the Indian group present at the 4th of July celebration at City Hall, New York City, arranged by Dr. George Kunz.]

Statement of expenses to George K. Kunz from Joseph Keppler incurred through Indian participation in New York's first Safe and Sane Fourth of July celebration. On one copy Keppler has listed the individual Indians participating with the amounts paid each.
[With this is a copy of the Press Release prepared by Kunz.]
August 3

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that after 9 weeks on the road with a wild west show it went broke and nobody was paid; that he is not going to Jamestown with the Hartman show; that annuity goods are to be distributed the next day; that B. B. Weber, Indian agent in Salamanca is withholding the larger tribal payments. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 14

Edward Hagaman Hall to Joseph Keppler

Asking Keppler to represent the Society at the first conference of the American Indian Association to be held at Columbus, October 12th to 15th, 1911. [This is on the stationery of The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, of which Hall was Secretary. The verso carries memoranda in Keppler’s hand listing topics covering Indian welfare.]

August 19

Lawton's Station, New York

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying that his family is all well and that if Keppler wants the chair, he will ship it at once; requesting information about annuity payments. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler’s hand]

August 22

Bombay, New York

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler

Saying he arrives in New York City September 5 and will meet Keppler at N. Y. Central depot.

September 1

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of Green Corn Dance as September 8th. [Page 4 carries some penciled memoranda in Keppler’s hand]
September 2

No place, but probably Bombay, New York

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler

Announcing that the opponents have been removed as Chiefs and Trustees [at a recent election].

September 6

Joseph Keppler to St. Regis people [2 sheets]
[Message delivered by Joseph Wood]

Advising tolerance and understanding among them if they would be united and strong.

[Joseph Wood visited Keppler in New York and carried this message on his return to the St. Regis Reservation.]

September 9

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler

Announcing his safe arrival home; thanking Keppler for all his courtesies and help and reporting that the law case was referred to a County Court.

September 23

Arthur O. Parker to Joseph Keppler [4 sheets]

Discussing his projected book on Iroquois law and religion; mentioning his wife's health; stating that he hopes to attend the Indian conference [at Columbus, Ohio] in October; reporting on Cornplanter and "H" [Cary W. Hartman].

October 4

Arthur O. Parker to Joseph Keppler [4 sheets]

Offering to send his ms even though still in rough form which, he hopes, may be published privately; discussing the coming Indian conference at Columbus and his 1910 field-work report.

[The verso of sheet 4 carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand.]
October 6

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that he will probably go to the coming Indian conference at Columbus as a representative of the New York State Education Department and discussing the "Lake Mohonkists."

[With this are clippings reporting the conference and showing pictures of it.]

October 7

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of money for the chairs and asking where he might be able to sell some hardwood canes; saying that the children have recovered from colds and that the people draw some money [annuities?] in a few days. [Page 4 carries some penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand]

October 16

Alice White to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting her grandchildren to be well and her husband able to work although he is not very strong; saying that the Six Nations meeting held at the Allegany Reservation was attended by 180 people.

November 5

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Describing some phases of the Columbus conference at which the Society of American Indians was formed; mentioning his having offended Commissioner Draper in some way probably because of the little use Indians had for the Lake Mohonk group; discussing his future plans and detailing the problems of living on his present income.
November 29

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Sending draft of a proposed bill and expressing the fear that the Iroquois will judge the new Society as just another move to force citizenship upon them.

December 5

Charles F. Lummis to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging his letter; expressing his joy that Keppler knows Bandelier, whom he considers to be an outstanding historian and wishing they could be nearer each other. [This is not signed by Lummis but Keppler has identified the writer. It is on the letter paper of Southwest Society, Archaeological Institute of America – founder of the Southwest Museum.]

December 11

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing New Year’s Ceremony as commencing January 24, 1912; saying they got their Government money, $47.31 each – this being the per capita distribution to the 2,711 Senecas on Cattaraugus, Allegany and Tonawanda Reservations.

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

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of her oldest daughter; asking Keppler about Canadian duties as they apply to Indians.

January 2

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Asking for loan of the two falsefaces for a coming ceremony. [The verso carries a pencilled memo and is marked "Ans." in Keppler's hand.]

January 13

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[4 sheets]

Saying that her husband has been critically ill but is now somewhat improved; announcing several deaths, including that of Eliza Logan on January 1, and Mr. Flagg, the hotel keeper at Steamburg.

January 18

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Announcing date of Night Song as January 25th; that New Year's Ceremony begins January 24th; asking Keppler to notify Parker. [Verso p. 2 marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

January 18

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Asking Keppler to bring the two masks with him. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 24

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing some manuscript; discussing organization matters of Society of American Indians.

February 1

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Saying that at the recent New Year Ceremonies Howard Jimerson conducted a special dance for Keppler and describing several other dances and games; asking for clothing.

February 7

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Explaining delay in return of the old mask and announcing the death of Mrs. John Jack on February 4th at 92 years of age. [Verso of page 2 marked "Ans.""]

February 12

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying there is considerable sickness among the people; that the Cattaraugus men are going to Allegany for a snow-snake game, and that Sadie has gone to school and Cynthia is at home. [These are his daughters.]

February 19

Charles Kennedy to Joseph Keppler

Expressing thanks for parcel of clothes; announcing death of his brother, Thomas H. Kennedy, on February 13 while driving alone to Gowanda.
March 4

Samuel Thompson to Joseph Keppler

Requesting that Keppler procure a copy of the report on a recent survey of limestone deposits on the Tuscarora Reservation which was reported to be worth $600,000.00 and which "Correll Brothers" are attempting to purchase for $50,000 by bribing some of the chiefs.

March 6

Joseph Keppler to Samuel Thompson

[copy]

Advising against the sale of stone quarries on his reservation [probably Tuscarora]; urging him to have the chiefs give the matter long consideration and suggesting that equitable leases be made to bona fide quarry operators.

[With this is a reply from the State Geologist, Albany, to Keppler's inquiry, dated March 7, 1912.]

April 9

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[4 sheets]

Reporting her family all well and on heavy snows recently; acknowledging the package sent; saying that her husband expects to go to New York with a wild west show with a group of 15 people.

April 15

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of his daughter, Sadie, aged 12, on that evening.

May

[Mrs.] Margarete Jordan to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying that her father, Joseph Wood, [cf] was visiting her and wanted to talk with Keppler over the telephone on May 9th.
May 22

Joseph L. Delafield to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Keppler's appointment to the City of New York Fourth of July Committee.
[This is on the stationery of that committee, of which Delafield was Secretary.]

June 4

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the possibility of instituting an "American Indian Day."
[This is on the letter paper of The Society of American Indians.]

June 5

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of his daughter, Cynthia, aged 8, the previous evening.
[Marked: Answered in Keppler's hand]

June 12

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of Night Song as June 16th and acknowledging money sent by Keppler to purchase "the stuff."
[Marked: Answered, on verso in Keppler's hand]

June 12

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying his preliminary inquiry about "American Indian Day" is being received enthusiastically; acknowledging Keppler's donation and payment of dues; discussing Congressman Carter's speech against educating Indians and wondering why Dr. Eastman [a Dakota] is not more interested in Indian affairs.
June 15

Edward Cornwallis to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for his contribution to the Death Feast for Cynthia and announcing the date of the Strawberry Dance on the following day.

[The verso carries a penciled memo in Keppler's hand: "Wallace Doxtator/Loaned $3.00/June 20th, 1912" as well as group of penciled figures.]

June 27

Dan [La France] Red Eagle to Joseph Keppler

Requesting loan of Indian specimens for parade and ceremonies. [Written on the show stationery of the "Red Eagle Family" [Verso marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

June 28

Chapman Schenandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his enlistment expires on August 25th and that he is keeping to himself for certain reasons; asking that Keppler send all his papers to his wife as she needs an insurance policy among them.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

August 20

Edward Cornwallis to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Saying all are well. [This is a picture postcard of the Buffalo General Electric Co. building.]

September 10

Edward Cornwallis to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Announcing Green Corn Dance date as September 15th. [This is on a picture postcard of The Indocrafters showing an old woman and infant.]
October 14  R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Asking what he can expect for the wampum belt and telling Keppler not to worry about the $50, as he is about to sell a colt.

October 15  Newtown, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the Six Nations meeting on October 26th at the Newtown Long House. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 2  R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Chief Logan did not attend the Thanksgiving Dance and that he, Van Every, has been appointed to preach in Logan's place in the Council House.

December 16  R.F.D. 5, Syracuse, New York

Jesse Lyons to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that the Onondaga chiefs are preparing to visit St. Regis at the invitation of Chiefs Joseph Wood and Alex Solomon of that Reservation and asking Keppler to meet George Van Every there. [This was originally signed by Harry Isaac but his name is crossed out and that of Jesse Lyons inserted.]

December 30  Albany, N. Y.

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[7 sheets]

Discussing publishing problems and the low pay of state employees and the lack of opportunity for advancement; stating he has turned down offers of more remunerative positions because he felt a loyalty to the Department and that it is difficult to live on his income; discussing the possible future of the Society of American Indians and how it could become a great force in the development of the Indian.
Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has been ill for 14 months and is still unable to do heavy work and asking Keppler to get him an Indian costume so that he can get a job with some show.

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his son and he having the same name had caused confusion in his receiving Keppler's letter.

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the 2 Indians [from St. Regis] sent by Keppler had stopped off on their way home; that there are now 18 chiefs on the St. Regis Reservation; that Frank Logan is not friendly and that he appropriates rental monies of stone quarry for himself.

[Marked: Answered Feby. 9th, in Keppler's hand]

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a successful trip to the St. Regis Reservation where 18 chiefs were installed; saying that Joseph Wood and Alexander Solomon of St. Regis had recently visited Onondaga endeavoring to obtain aid in abolishing the Trustee system on the New York reservations.

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Asking when Keppler expects to be in Albany as Scanandoah is going there with Joseph Wood and would like to meet Keppler there.
January 14

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler
[telegam]
Requesting that he come to Albany
[Keppler has noted in pencil that he
was in Central America at the time]

February 13

Enoch Scanandoah to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Saying he went to Albany with Joseph
Wood, Alex and Louis Solomon regarding
the St. Regis claims, and asking for a
copy of the Onondaga Treaty of 1757.

February 22

Joseph Keppler to Rodman Wanamaker
[2 sheets]
Handwritten copy of letter complaining
that at the recent ceremonies breaking
ground for the National Indian Memorial
on Staten Island not one representative
of the Indian group once owning the land
had been invited.

February 22

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler
Saying that he cannot leave to come to
New York as his only son goes to school;
that he will meet Keppler at Rockwell
if he can come up.

February 26

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]
Saying that the mask had arrived too
late for use and that he had returned
it at once and reporting that some
drunkenness had marred one night of
the New Year Ceremony.
February 27

Frederick S. Dellenbaugh to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Keppler's letter of the 25th and reporting the approval of his stand [he was opposed to the statue planned for the National Indian Memorial] by many at the Drake dinner; discussing in some detail the proposed structure and the proper method of financing its erection.

March

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Asking what kind of lacrosse sticks are wanted and saying she can also supply snow-shoes and moccasins.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 8

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying her grandson has been sickly all winter; reporting on the New Year Ceremony at which a number of white men from Hornell were inducted into several clans.

[To this is attached a clipping - source unknown - listing these individuals and their new Indian names.]

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

March 17

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Saying that state work and that of the Society keep him busy; complaining that no Iroquois were present at the ground dedication of the New York harbor Indian memorial. [This was projected by Rodman Wanamaker and ground was broken by President Taft on the Ft. Wadsworth Reservation, Staten Island, February 22, 1913, but nothing ever came of it.]
Michael Solomon to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he and Joseph Wood had been in Albany attending to tribal matters in connection with the repeal of the Elective System Law; inquiring if Wood had proceeded to New York to confer with Keppler, as promised; requesting that Keppler write Speaker Smith of the Assembly to interest himself in the Sullivier bill advocated by the Indians.

Massena, New York

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Making inquiry as to where she could sell the Indian goods she makes and as to where beads may be purchased.

Massena, New York

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will meet Keppler at the Syracuse railroad station on April 22 and will have the relic with him.

Massena, New York

Joseph Wood to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Describing the land belonging to the Gray estate, one mile square in town of Ft. Covington, and how it came into possession of Thomas Terrance.

[Marked: Ans. June 8th: Gray, in Keppler's hand]

Massena, New York

Sackett Hemlock to Joseph Keppler

Announcing dates of Night Song as June 14th and Strawberry Dance as June 17th.

Newtown, New York

Edward Complanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing a successful Strawberry Dance completed the preceding day.
July 15

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is with the Hiawatha Show [Chas. E. Lewis, proprietor] at Gwyn Oak Park and asking if Keppler will sell him a pair of moccasins.

[Marked: Answered, and carrying an address, "Indian Exhibits Co., 138 West 42nd Str., Mr. Witte," in Keppler's hand]

August 13

George Van Every to Joseph Keppler

Requesting loan of $150 at 5% interest for 18 months, as he desires to purchase more land.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 18

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Announcing his appointment as curator of Archeology and Ethnology at the State Museum and discussing plans for the expansion of the exhibits; asking Keppler to present an Iroquois sash to the Museum; reporting that he has finished all but the last chapters of his biography of Gen. Ely S. Parker.

[This is marked "Presented gageda" in Keppler's hand.]

November 20

John M. Clark to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Announcing the completion of the new State Museum quarters; mentioning several of the collections it has recently acquired and enquiring whether Keppler will consider the sale of his collection to the State.

November 24

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Requesting the loan of his and George Jones' falsefaces for coming ceremonies.
December 2

Alice White to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying the weather has been mild and that she has been able to gather herbs and roots; reporting her husband critically ill with his recurrent stomach trouble.

December 5

Fred R. Meyer to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for a book and a gun and saying that he was glad to give Keppler the medicine teeth and that he expects to give Mr. Pepper a pair, as well.

[The verso is marked, in Keppler's hand: "Ans. 413 Oak St. Buffalo, N. Y."]
January

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for endeavor to get orders and detailing shipment of lacrosse sticks. [There is a note in Keppler's hand that he ordered 1 doz. sticks as per advice of J. B. Hillyer [see his letter: Curtis High School, February 6, 1914 - attached]

January 6

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Requesting loan of the two old false-faces and saying both he and his mother want to use them because of a dream each had.

January 9

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the opening of the New Year's Ceremony on January 31st.

January 9

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Outlining schedule for the coming New Year Ceremony opening on January 31st and saying the old mask will be used as soon as it arrives.

January 17

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the death of her husband, Robert White, on January 13, and that the death services were conducted by James Crow and Edward Cornplanter. [Marked: "Ans. Jan. 20th; enclosed $3" in Keppler's hand]
January 21

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is returning the old mask.
[Verso marked "Ans. Jan. 23" in Keppler's hand]

January 23

John C. Finley to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Requesting Keppler to deposit his collection with the New York State Museum.
[The verso is marked: "Ans. Feb. 6th, 1914" in Keppler's hand]

February 6

J. Blake Hillyer to Joseph Keppler

New Brighton, Staten Island

[2 sheets]

Official order for 12 sticks for Curtis High School lacrosse team, for $35.00.

February 10

Alice White to Joseph Keppler

Cold Spring, New York

[2 sheets]

Thanking him for help and reporting that her brother, Hiram Jacobs, had visited them and reported seeing Keppler at the New Year Ceremony at Newtown; saying her uncle Squaw [?] Jacobs is now living with her.
[The verso of 2 carries an address memo in Keppler's hand.]

February 26

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Albany, N. Y.

Saying that his work in Washington prevented him from attending the New Year Ceremony at Cattaragus Reservation; expressing pleasure that Keppler likes his "Code of Handsome Lake"; reporting on a recent banquet in Philadelphia; reporting a $10,000 fire loss of Harrington's barn.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
February 27

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[8 sheets]

Expressing his thanks for the pipe
sent by Keppler, and his disappoint-
ment at having missed seeing him at
the Newtown New Year Ceremony.
[Marked: "Ans. Mch. 6th" in Keppler's
hand]

March

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that rawhide is better for la-
crosse stick netting than cord and that,
if rawhide is acceptable, the delivery
of sticks can be made sooner.

March 1

[Mrs. Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that sticks are completed except
for nets and complaining that cord has
not arrived.
[Marked: Answered, March 6th, in Keppler's
hand]

March 6

W. C. Shongo to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Reporting on the introduction of the
Horton Bill [a copy of this Bill accom-
panies the letter] as being instigated
by Cary W. Hartman and asking Keppler
to write Governor Glynn about it; de-
scribing his efforts against Hartman,
having taken up where A. C. Parker
left off; inviting Keppler to visit
him in Buffalo.
[This is on the stationery of the
Buffalo Historical Society.]
March 10

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Sending the falseface and the copper head; saying he spoke at the Sunrise Club dinner in New York; speaking of a visit in the Spring from Keppler and Heye; expressing approval of the award of the Complanter Medal to J. N. B. Hewitt. [Marked: "Ans. Mch. 12" in Keppler's hand]

March 23

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Announcing death of the Horton Bill [See Hartman Matter file for this Bill]; thanking Keppler for donation to Society of American Indians; discussing the activities of Rev. Dixon and saying he could not possibly participate in any affair with Dixon.

April

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has been waiting "quite a long while" for payment for the lacrosse sticks.

April

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Saying she is still waiting for payment.

April 2 [post mark]

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying lacrosse sticks will be shipped "Monday" - after waiting for cord, the stringing will be rawhide, anyway.

April 6

[Mrs.] Margarette Jordan to Joseph Keppler [4 sheets]

Saying she is shipping sticks "this morning" and hoping that Keppler can get more orders for her.
April 28

Joseph Keppler to [Mrs.] Margarette Jordan

Sending his cheque for $33 and complaining of delay in delivery of sticks. [This is a copy of letter written, is in Joseph Keppler's hand, and is marked, "in substance."]

June 18

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Reporting the death of his son, Franklin, on June 15, and requesting a loan for the Death Feast. He has a broken arm and cannot earn money until he returns to the Hiawatha show. [Marked: "Ans. - enclosure - June 22nd" in Keppler's hand]

June 26

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the money sent and saying that he contemplates joining his father, now with the Hiawatha show there.

September 4

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Medicine Society meeting at his house on September 9th and saying that at a ceremony held at Cornplanter's, which he did not attend, a white man from Chicago - name unknown - was adopted into the Nation. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 13

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Discussing the Clancy Bill now before Congress; speaking of Cary W. Hartman's eviction from Cattaraugus Reservation; explaining his action regarding the Indians brought down as being descendants of actual Manhattan Indians; saying he notes that Keppler is no longer associated with "Puck." [The verso of 2 is marked: Ans., and carries memoranda in Keppler's hand.]
December 2

Louis Solomon to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Inquiring as to the facts surrounding the transfer of a wampum belt to the custody of New York State [The New York State Museum].
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 16

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting his recent visit to the Heye Museum [then at 10 E. 33rd Street, New York] and describing a recent banquet in Washington attended by many prominent Indians.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 24

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the dates of New Year's Ceremony as coming January 20th and Medicine Society meeting as January 22nd, and that Hartman's residence was entirely destroyed by fire "last Tuesday."
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
January 11

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Announcing change in date of Medicine Society meeting to January 20th; asking Keppler to come as the people want him to explain the "treaty at Washington" to them; thanking Keppler for clothing sent.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 13

Don C. Seitz to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for a suggestion which has been presented to the editors [of the World]; saying he is always glad to help the Six Nations and that he hopes to visit the Reservation some day.
January 4

Lawiston, New York

Samuel Thompson to Joseph Keppler

Asking for a copy of the Law of 1802 which prevented the chiefs from disposal of tribal property and made illegal the sale of Tuscarora lands in North Carolina in 1815. Saying that the stone quarries on the present Tuscarora Reservation in New York are still in Indian possession even though some individuals still want to sell them for a fraction of their value.
Mrs. Baptist Thomas to Joseph Keppler

Giving data covering the insurance policy of her deceased husband for which she does not think full payment has been made. To this is attached a letter dated September 7 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Joseph Keppler explaining the details of the death claim payment. [Verso of this note its contents and is marked answered [Sept. 12] in Keppler's hand]

January 16

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that on his way home he stopped at the Onondaga Reservation to see "Schemadore" [probably Chapman Schemadonah] but that he had gone to Washington.

January 28

Charles Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Sending text of a letter from an attorney [Appleman] dated April 5, 1917, regarding a model for a clothes-line stretcher patented by Chas. Johnson. [Marked Answered, in Keppler's hand]

February 6

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Saying the chiefs are glad to have Keppler's advice on the matter of decreased annuities and that he had spent only a half a day in Albany.

February 13

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Wondering why Keppler did not attend New Year's Ceremony "a few weeks ago."
March 5

Charley Bowen to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reports his wife suffering from dropsy;
requests an overcoat and asks that a
money order for $1.50 be sent him.
[No. 2 marked: Answered, in Keppler's
hand]

March 23

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Thomas Jones to Joseph Keppler

Requesting him to come to the Reserve-
tion for a conference.

April 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that Keppler enjoys the fullest
confidence of the people and chiefs on
Tonawanda Reservation and that he is
welcome at their councils at all times;
asking him to learn why the annuities
from the Federal Government are decreas-
ing, and about the hunting and fishing
rights granted them in the Treaties of
1787 and 1802.
[Marked: "Ans. Apr. 6th" in Keppler's
hand]

April 2

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Thomas Jones to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Keppler's letter has been
read before an assembly of the chiefs
and people. [To this is attached, al-
though it may not belong here, a docu-
ment, signed by William Ground, Lyman
Johnson and Thomas Jones, giving
Keppler [?] authority to represent the
Iroquois Nation in matters affecting it.

June 25

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Announcing a coming meeting of the
Little Water Society and apologizing
for the short notice given.
August 28

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying he would rather postpone his visit to Keppler's home until the hunting season; reporting that Keppler will probably hear from Herbert Johnson concerning matters in which he may be against the chiefs. [The verso of sheet 2 is marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand.]

October 31

Mrs. George Van Every to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

Requesting a contribution to the coming Six Nations meeting on November 10th, and saying that her son George is a bookkeeper in Government employ in Washington. [On the verso of p. 3 is a list of "Officers and Managers" of the Onondaga Castle Sewing Club] [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

November 7

[Mrs] Electa Thomas to Joseph Keppler

Requesting him to dispose of 25 raffle tickets on a velvet quilt, sold to raise monies for the entertainment of the visitors coming to the Six Nations meeting beginning November 10th. This is signed by her as Secretary and Treasurer of the Onondaga Sewing Club.

November 15

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Discussing plans for his visit and a proposed visit of Keppler to the Medicine Society. [The verso is marked: "Ans. N. 17" in Keppler's hand.]
November 25

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Reporting that everything is going smoothly for them except he lost a barn full of hay by lightning and subsequent fire; giving figures on the varied crop he harvested; asking if Keppler would like a barrel of apples.

November 27

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying he will bring the articles when he comes to visit but that he may ship the roasted corn sooner.

[Sheet 2 is partially missing and its verso carries a memo in Keppler's hand.]
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand.]
1918

1918-19 [?]

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he meant to discuss his indebtedness to Keppler during their visit but had forgotten; that he expects to be home again in a few weeks; sending the clipping Keppler asked for.

January 15

Freeman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has never met Keppler personally but that they are of the same Clan. Inquiring if it is true that a group of wealthy men were so moved by the speech made by a Cattaraugus Seneca they promised to subscribe monies to the Nation. [This was probably at ground-breaking ceremonies for Rodman Wanamaker Memorial, February 22, 1913 - a ceremony from which no memorial ever eventuated] Enclosing his photograph. [See Print no. 16089, files M.A.I.H.F.]

February 11

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is sending a portion of something now and that he will try to obtain more.

February 24

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is working at the Frankford Arsenal to earn money with which to rebuild his barn and enquiring as to the possibility of meeting Keppler in New York in March or April. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
March 26

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he has been ill all winter but that he is now able to get around.

April 26

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Thanking him for a picture and sending the cost of the corn and its expressage. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

June 28

[Mrs.] Nancy Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for his contribution to the Death Feast [for her husband, Edward Cornplanter] which was held on the 26th; saying she and her younger daughter, Anna, are alone and that her son, Jesse, is in France [with the A. E. F.].

July 17

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Enquiring about "ginseng" root in Keppler's neighborhood and the possibilities of trapping small animals.

August 14

Farnham Cook to Joseph Keppler

Announcing "Cold Water" medicine meeting on September 1st. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

October 4

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Asking if, on his next visit, he may bring a friend, Lyman Smith, along and saying he had been visited by Delos Kittle sometime in July. [Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
November 23

Lyman Johnson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that peace was celebrated on the Reservation [that ending World War I] on the 17th and discussing the possibility of his visiting Keppler.

[Marked: "Ans. Nov. 28th" in Keppler's hand]