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What the result of this affair may be I know not, but to-day they refuse to allow their children to come to school, though Kicking Bird, his Mother & daughter, O'pack-hwo-it-sait & his daughter ^{& a matje} & one young man took breakfast with me in my tent. But let it result as it may I fully believe it will be in accordance with his design who has the ordering of all things & without whose permission they cannot harm a hair of my head. And should they determine upon my life I am persuaded that it will not be from any ill will toward me or the cause I am laboring for but as in their estimations in the defense of ^{the lives of} their children.

P.M. About 5 o'clock the council broke up & most of the chiefs of the encampment accompanied by 15 or 20 children came into my tent, where I had remained nearly all day alone except a couple of young men who had stayed about it all day going in & out, & sitting by my fire; the countenances of the chiefs wore a cheerful expression, as they spoke to me, two of them, viz Kicking Bird & Stumbling Bear entered my tent & sat about me, seated

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themselves upon my bed & calling me to them. Stumbling Bear told me of the talk of the Council saying "So good" "Thomisy good" then introduced conversation on various subjects, indicating to my understanding the character of the council & the depth of feeling manifested in it. Rossom immediately brought in a quantity of flour for me to make into bread in her presence, so that she might learn how to make such bread as I had been making, as they were all very fond of my bread. Thus has this gathering storm pretty much blown over, so at least as not to look ^{wear} so threatening an aspect, through the watchful care of an overruling Providence who has thus far made a way for me through many discouragements & even where at times there has seemed to be no way unworthy as I am of the least of his favors.

The Snow being drifted very much in places, & our beef having been eaten up, Kicking Bird had a mule killed this evening for meat until we can get to the agency for our supply of rations.

1st 6th days Clear & Pleasant. Children do not come in today & consequently no school, I sent Letter No 18 home.