

the Great Spirit & there" - reaching up & clasping his hands
tho' above his head - "we can take hold of hands before
the Great Spirit in grateful remembrance of each other!"

In the spring of 1877 after getting in their crops for
the summer many of the chiefs were anxious to
make permanent settlements for themselves & their
bands; While they felt competent to select suitable
grounds for their temporary encampments,
when they had no other motives in view than
to provide wood, & water for themselves, in prox-
imity to plenty of game, & grass for their ponies
for a few days only, they felt that to make perma-
nent villages, for themselves & people who might
adhere to them, in proximity to good corn-land
as well as wood, water, & suitable ground whereon
to build their houses, & the many little things
essential to the making of permanent homes
required some knowledge & experience which
which they had never had, & as a consequence
they were anxious for some one in whom they
felt confidence should go with them, to assist
in selecting suitable locations for such set-
tlements. It was arranged that I should
assist them in this important work, & at
the same time take the census of the various
bands & tribes of the reservation. In the pros-
ecution of this work some peculiar charac-
teristics of Indians ideas manifested them-
selves, Sometimes prejudices had to be over-
come, & on some occasions their superstitions
had to be directed, in order to accomplish de-
sired ends.

On one occasion an Apache chief was very anxious
to show off the superiority of his judgment in
selecting a site for his village. He wanted we
should see what a remarkable fine location he
had selected. Though it was late when we arriv-
ed at his camp, & the place he had selected was
nearly 4 miles away, nothing would serve his
turn but that we must see it that evening,
not having a doubt, apparently, but that to see
it would convince us (Dr. Given, the Interpret-
er & myself) that there was no other place like it.

"His inmost heart was set upon it." On arriving at the
place, it was very evident that a more ^{likely} ~~un~~ suitable
could scarcely be found, - the flat top of a steep rock-
y bluff one hundred & fifty feet above the rich bottom
lands around, thin hard & rocky soil, - & the spring
from which the water must be obtained could only
be reached by a steep rocky descent to the level of
the creek, twenty five feet lower than the bottom
land, & fully half a mile from the base of the
bluff. I knew not how to express my disapproval
of the situation in a way that would not be like-
ly to give offense, so deferred giving my judge-
ment until morning, telling him that a man
that was both tired & hungry was not in a suitable
condition to judge favorably of any thing. In
the night a hard storm of thunder, rain, & wind
came up, we had to tie our wagon covers on, &
then hold on to them, ^{with} all our strength to keep them
from being blown away, notwithstanding being in
a very sheltered situation. In the morning the
Chief came to our wagon having invited him-
self to breakfast. It was very observable that he
had been much impressed with the fury of the
storm. After breakfast I talked with him about
it. He said "The Great Spirit talked very loud
last night," "Yes" I replied "when he talks loud
we ought to learn wisdom. Sometimes our hearts
are so set, so stubborn, that he has to speak very
loud before we will listen to his voice." Last night
his women had to go out & tie their lodges with
guy ropes to prevent their being blown away
& that down here in this sheltered valley - the thun-
der was very loud - the lightning almost blind-
ing - how did he think it would have been up
on that high bluff, where he wanted his house.
Wind much stronger, & may be thunder much
louder, & storm every way much harder up there
than here in the valley. I may be Great Spirit
speak loud last night that we might be wise
enough not to build upon that high bleak
place." He sat sometime, & then said "I may be
that so. Well will go & look for another place."
Accordingly we started out, & found a very suit-