

Sitting Bull's address to the Silent Eaters protesting the Treaty of 1839.

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During the summer of 1889 - a commission, consisting some of the most distinguished citizens of the United States, including governors, senators, congressmen, army officers and church dignitaries, was sent to Standing Rock Agency for the purpose of effecting a treaty with the Indian, whereby the government, through the above mentioned representatives a proposition was offered to the Indians, should they assent to relinquish a large portion of Tribal domain.

The sentiment of the Indians was a split between the Friendly Indians and the Hostile Band of Sitting Bull's followers.

Sitting Bull, heretofore, had always refused to make any speeches before any body of government representatives, on Tribal matters, feeling that inasmuch as he was holding the highest Tribal office, he rather keep neutral and let some one else voice the wishes of the Indians.