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Col. A. B. Welch,
Mandan, N.D. U.S.A.

Dear Col. Welch:

I have your kind letter, sending me the data from McLaughlin's letter-book, the missive from France to Sitting Bull (which I here enclose with thanks), and the Clover Leaf cover. I am greatly in your debt for these, as for your former favors. I certainly thank you most heartily. It was good of you to encourage Old Bull to help me. He has a remarkable memory.

If I go that way, I'll look into the origin of the letter from Ligny. I wonder if the Frenchman ever got a reply. While Sitting Bull was at Fort Randall, his fan mail was attended to by one of the officers there, who now resides in Washington and has helped me. It seems his mail was heavy, and from all over the world. It is hardly to be wondered at that the old man took these as sufficient credentials of his chieftaincy, in spite of McLaughlin's insistence that he was only a private individual.

I wish you were in Nice now. The weather has been generally fine so far, though last year, they say, was dreadful here. I am getting a great deal of work done here, but having so much material makes it hard to compress and proportion it, and so I have to rework a great deal.

Yours very cordially,

W.D. CAMPBELL