

with the United States police for celebrating the indian ceremonial Ghost dance. My own personal impression of Sitting Bull is that he was a natural born indian of the West, uneducated to civilization and its ways, having been born and bred a monarch of all he surveyed - His right to his native country undisputable - It should not be wondered at his disagreement at times with the authorities - He was physically developed and not wanting in mental capacity - if he had the opportunity of its developement. As his natural surroundings and struggle for life afforded him ample Scope in his researching of plant life, the whole breadth and width of the Southern plains being his apothecarys hall, so to speak - He very soon became versed in the virtue of the numerous herbs consequently becoming a much esteemed medicine man, amongst his people - And twas a well recognized fact - that from this source he chiefly derived his influence as a medicine man. He was never regognized as a War Chief as far as I know. - As I only had a short acquaintance of Sitting Bull, the fore going is about all I know about him. - As I am somewhat anxious to get the true story of the Custer massacre, I would Suggest that you get in communication with the Rev^d. R. Hertz, Eagle Butte S. D. - He is living amongst the remaining followers of Sitting Bull. And he has told me that Judge Charles Corn, now of Eagle Butte S. D. is still living, and he I think took part in the Gen. Custer affair. - I consider as far as history is concerned, that we have a just right to believe both sides of the story, as given by the whites & blacks. We in searching for truth, should be just to both sides, at this belated date. - Trusting you may send me a copy of your Book later: I am,

Yours respectfully

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