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Mr. W. S. Campbell,
Norman, Okla.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By today's mail I am sending you Fanny Kelly's narrative. The volume I am sending belongs to the public library here and ordinarily should be returned within two weeks, but in case you would like to keep it longer than that, I shall have it renewed for you.

Fanny Kelly's geography is woefully mixed, as would naturally be the case when she had no means of taking notes and no one to verify her observations. She was delivered to old Fort Sully five miles below Pierre. The young fellow Jumping Bear or Leaping Bear or Charging Bear, who carried the message to Fort Sully some days previous, was the John Grass who was for many years a prominent Indian on the reservation. ①

When General Sully attacked the Sioux at Killdeer Mountain in the latter part of July, 1864, Fanny Kelly was near. She was also at the Battle of the Badlands fought between Sentinel Butte and Medora on August 8th, and later in the same month was at Fort Dilts, where Fisk was corralled. (1 mi. east of Mammoth) ②

It might be well to note that General Sully's expedition was made for the purpose of punishing the Sioux Indians who had taken part in the Minnesota massacre of 1862. None of the Indians whom Fanny Kelly was with were Minnesota Indians, yet they were all punished so far as Sully was able to do so. There were probably a few of the Minnesota Indians in the battle at Killdeer, but not many. ③

Very sincerely yours,

Lewis J. Crawford

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