

Mr. Lewis F. Crawford,
Crawford Book Shop,
Fargo, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. Crawford:

I was sorry to miss you last summer. Of course I had heard of your book store, and wished to see it and you. You may be sure that I shall let you know when my SITTING BULL is off the press, probably next fall. I shall be happy to have you push it, and as I told you, I intend to dedicate the book to you.

Last spring I won a Fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation which enabled me to take a year off and finish the job. I visited all the old-timers and Indians in Canada who knew Sitting Bull up there, and spent a good bit of time in the Canadian Archives and the archives of the Mounties in Ottawa, as well as in Regina. Then too I studied the records in Washington, War Dept., State Dept., Bureau of Ethnology, and Library of Congress. Result, I have so much material, I shall never be able to get it all into a book!

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The trail you put me two years ago⁺—the McLaughlin papers—finally ended in my seeing them and making transcripts. And besides seeing all the Indians on Grand River, I spent many days with White Bull on Cherry Creek, Cheyenne River. There is a man for you! I liked him from the word go. And he gave me another Sioux name.

Now I have come over here where living is cheap and set to work. So far it has been so warm that people are still swimming in the sea. I have done more work in less time than I ever did before. Probably it will get cold now, but I don't care. I have to stay outside the States until my work is done!

Please let me hear from you often. And don't be surprised to get an occasional query from me.

Kindest regards to everyone.

Yours truly,

W.S. CAMPBELL

P.S.

Where are the SMOKY BUTTES? Have you a map of the badlands? By the way, Circling Hawk told me that Bears Heart died in a travois. Did you get it so? I would be obliged to you if you can give me the dates of engagements in the Sully campaign in Dakota. Were any of these fights near Sentinel Butte? (Is that Lookout Butte the same?) I was told that SB was wounded in fight near Lookout Butte, not at Killdeer Mth.