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Chief Standing Bear,
Author of MY PEOPLE THE SIOUX,
C/ Houghton Mifflin Company,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have read your book MY PEOPLE THE SIOUX with great pleasure and profit, and wish to thank you for writing it. I have many friends among the Plains Indians, and feel that I can appreciate the real and splendid merit of your story. You have done a service to us all. And you have made everyone see what a fine and great people the Sioux are.

I was much interested in what you say about your work with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and about Sitting Bull. I am told that Sitting Bull was with Buffalo Bill for a while. Is this true? What was his work in the show? What wages did he earn? Can you tell me anything about his life with the show? Anything you can tell me about the man and what he did and said and thought of the white men and the show business will be of great interest to me. Do you know why he went with Buffalo Bill, or why he quit? About how long was he with the show?

I have been told that Sitting Bull walked with a limp. Is this true? Do you know what caused this lameness?

They say that Sitting Bull was not a famous warrior, that he was never a war-chief, that he was afraid and ran away from the Custer fight. But I have seen his photograph with a war bonnet which had buffalo horns on it, and I have a hard time believing that a coward could have become the leader of the Sioux. What are the facts about this?

Can you give me the names of any men(Indians or white men) who were with Buffalo Bill when Sitting Bull was in his show? I want to find out about that show business.

Please help me all you can. Anything you may tell me will be welcome.

Cordially yours,

W.S.CAMPBELL