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Kola:

Your letter came to hand about ten days ago. You asked about one John Allison or Fish and Mrs Fanny Kelly and Mrs. Weldon. My father knew all of these people personally. However, I know some little of these characters. John Allison or Hogan(Fish) as he was known among the Indians was a Whiteman who spoke the Sioux tongue very fluently. In the year of 1868 Mr. Allison and one Pierre(known as Black Hawk) colored-were ordered off the Indian reservation at Grand River Agency, then Dakota territory: In looking thru the old files of the Indian office here I found the original paper or General Orders No. 87 ordering the above named men off the reservation. The orders did not say why. The paper is now on file at the State Historical Society, at Bismarck. Russell Ried, curator will give you a copy of this order if you will write to him. Allison was also Interpreter at the Fort Rice Treaty in 1868. As to Mrs. Kelly I want to say that she was a captive among the Sioux Indian when she was 12 years old. I think she remained with the Sioux Indians about 8 years. She lived with the Crawler family. Mary Crawler who adopted Mrs. Kelly as her sister is still living. As to Mrs. Weldon I have to say that she came to the famous Parkins ranche at the mouth of the Cannon Ball river on or about 1889. That same summer she went to Sitting Bulls camp on the Grand river and remained with the family of the Chief all summer. It appears that she was an artist and painted a portrait of Sitting Bull which is now at the State Historical Society of this State. Thats about all I know of these people. Now then I want to say here that I read an article in the Adventure Magazine wherein one William Wells makes comments on your story of Sitting Bull. Mr. Wells never was on this reservation. He knows nothing of Sitting Bull. He probably read McLaughlin's book. Major McLaughlin was a bitter enemy of Sitting Bull. He was jealous of the Chief. Naturally Major McLaughlin would not say anything or praise the man who never sold the rights of his people for a mess of pottage. Sitting Bull was the greatest Indian that ever lived. When the book is published I will stand back of every word it contains. Then, too, I read another article written by one Mrs. Waldo of Bismarck who tried to make some comments on your story. Mrs. Waldo knows nothing about Sitting Bull whatsoever. She, too, must