

October 6, 1935

Colonel Matthew F. Steele
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

Your kindness in aiding me with information in regard to the arrest of Sitting Bull leads me to offer you an opportunity at this time to publish your recollections of that affair. That is to say, I am now at work upon a book which will consist for the most part of unpublished documents and private papers having to do with the Ghost Dance. Among these papers are a number of letters by Mrs. Weldon, Major McLaughlin, and others, as well as a number of official reports and records of various kinds. It occurred to me that you might wish to have your reminiscences included. I remember that you sent me a copy of an article by yourself. Unhappily it seems to have been mislaid. If you care to add your contribution to my book I can guarantee that it will be printed exactly as you write it so far as I am concerned. Of course the editor will have to pass on the manuscript. I would like also to have a photograph of the portrait of Sitting Bull by Mrs. Weldon now in your possession. The photograph should be printed on glossy paper for good reproduction.

This book is to be offered to the University Press of this University and is not a money making proposition. Therefore I can offer you no remuneration but would be happy to have your name and your contribution in the book if you care to send it to me. The book will include a great deal of fresh material and new data. I hope to have it ready for the press early next year. I remain,

Yours respectfully,

W. S. Campbell
("Stanley Vestal")