

Sitting Bull

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Mr. Ira Rich Kent,
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Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Kent:

I have your letter of recent date. You need offer no apologies in the matter of Sitting Bull's chieftaincy. He was a chief in several categories: chief of the Fox Warrior Order, chief of the Midnight Strong Heart Warrior Order, chief of the White Cavalry (founded by him), chief of a band of his people, head war chief of all the Sioux, and (as his tombstone relates) chief of the Hunkpapa tribe of Sioux. The fact that the white men are unaware of all this--though it is well established both in record and among the Indians--will indicate how misleading all previous lives of this great man have been. When I asked an old Indian why the Sioux chose Sitting Bull for their chief, he glanced at me, startled by the unexpected question: "Why, Sitting Bull was about the bravest man we ever had!" And this is the man the white historians label a coward!

I think it doubtful that I can have the whole book ready for you March first since I must squeeze in a visit to Washington, D.C. and if possible a short dash into Dakota again. However, I think we can have the book ready in time for the Christmas sale without fail. Sitting Bull was killed in December. I shall shortly send you a synopsis and preface of the book in order that we may make a contract.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. CAMPBELL.