Around the remainder sheds had been erected with lodge poles and lodge skins. The tribes were arranged around - the Sioux first, north and west of the entrance, the Cheyennes, Assinaboins, Shoshones, Arrickewas, Gros Ventres, Mandans, Arrapahoes. In the centre a covered arbor was erected. Here was seated Col. Mitchell and Major Fitzpatrick, the Commissioners; there was also present, Col. Cooper, Capt. Ketchum, Capt. Duncan, Capt. Rhett, Lieut. Hastings and Lieut. Elliott, of the U.S.A. the Rev. Father De Smedt, Col. R. Campbell, B. G. Brown, Maj. Haldman, of the Utah Indian Agency, Mr. Rose, Sub-Agent, and a number of gentlemen, interpreters, traders, and others.

There had been no studied effort made to produce effect in the arrangement, but when the Council was assembled, it certainly presented as fine a field for a painter or daguerreotypist as could any where be found. I am not aware of anything of the kind ever before presented, and I deeply regretted that among the many American artists, there was not one present. I procured the services of a man in Capt. Duncan's company, to make a sketch for me. He has not yet completed it, and I cannot speak of its accuracy.

Far reaching in the rear of the Indian Chiefs and Braves, stood the attentive members of their respective tribes. For quietness, decorum and general good behavior, on such occasions, the Indians might be made models for more civilized society. Although here closely pressed together, every thing was as quiet as in a church.

I have alluded more particularly to the assemblage and appearances this morning, for the reason that it was the first and best opportunity presented to see all the Indians in a body. In all its aspects, it was new to me, and a thousand incidents, which will not bear repetition, were of deep interest. It is an undoubted fact that the bearing, character, manners, courage, habits and nearly all leading characteristics