

Again, on September 20, 1872, Mr. Adams reports on the agreement reached by the Commission with the Sisseton and Wahpetons. At various times, he also speaks of the relations between the Chippewa in Northern Minnesota and the Indians of his reservation. All told, there is an abundance of interesting material to be found in these papers. How much of it is to be valuable to you is another matter. If you are interested in the material reported on, I shall be most happy to go more into detail on the Adams papers.

I have reached, as I said before, 1873 in the Adams Papers. If you are agreeable, I shall proceed with them. There are remaining five or six boxes of material, and I am able to go through them at about the rate of two in an evening. However, I do not expect that I will have a great deal of time for that until after next week. For the past three weeks, I have been rushed by the proximity of the final, quarter examinations. Immediately they are over, I shall be in a position to prosecute this work with more diligence than heretofore shown.

Please let me know what your attitude toward the material I am including herewith, may be. So far, I feel that what I have accomplished has been to eliminate a great deal of worthless material. Incidentally, I have made transcripts of the accounts which appeared in the St. Paul papers at the time of Sitting Bull's visit to this country in 1888. I hope that it may prove of some interest to you.

Again, I pray your pardon for my delinquency, and sincerely hope that the material I have enclosed may in some small measure compensate for the inconvenience I may have caused you.

In the matter of time, I have felt it my aim rather to see that you received some satisfaction as to content, and that details assumed at least strong resemblance to accuracy, rather than confine my efforts to ten dollars worth of work. I proceeded on the authority of your letter to find out whether or not it was worthwhile to proceed further. I am forced to leave that to you. I shall not be satisfied until I have completed the Adams papers. That, however, is dependent on your will. If you think it worthwhile, I shall be most happy to continue, and I assure you that I shall endeavor to give you the largest possible measure of return for your investment. You see, I have aroused an interest in myself, too.  
(not to appear too egotistical.)

Sincerely,

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