

When the White People invaded our Black Hills country our treaty agreements were still in force but the Great Father has ignored it - pretending to keep out the intruders through the military force, and at last failing to keep them out they had to let them come in and take possession of our best part of our Tribal possession. The Great Father maintains a very large standing army that can stop anything.

Hence, I do not wish to consider any proposition to cede any portion of our Tribal holdings to the Great Father. If I agree to dispose any part of our land to the White People I would feel guilty of taking food away from our childrens mouths, and I do not wish to be that mean. There are things they tell us sound good to hear but when they had accomplish their purpose, they will go home and will not try to fulfill our agreements with them.

My Friends and Relatives, let us stand as one family as we had done, before the White People had led us astray.