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Mr. W. S. Campbell,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear sir-

In reply to your favor of the 2" inst.

We have no unpublished material on the Sioux wars and Sitting Bull. We are out of the range of the Sioux. They were associated with the Cheyennes and other Plains Indians who roamed over Kansas and Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas to some extent. In the Indian wars in Kansas in 1868, a band of Sioux under Pawnee Killer, was operating all over western Kansas. You might find some reference to that in our volumes of Historical Collections but that would not be unpublished material.

I think the only way you could get this first hand material would be to go up into the Sioux country and talk to the old Indians on the reservation. What you would get from them would not be historically accurate as to dates but you could easily supply those from authentic sources.

There are of course many reports of officers and Indian agents in these old Sioux wars on file in the War Department and in the office of the Secretary of the Interior in Washington, and you might find some of them in the Library of Congress although I doubt it. The only way to get access to these official documents is to go to Washington and assume the affrontery of the devil and march into an office and say you have to see a document and are going to see it if it takes all summer. Be armed with a letter from every U. S. senator you know and every congressman. If you are persevering enough you will finally break through and get to see these valuable reports. I hung around the departments for years trying to be a gentleman but didn't get anywhere. If you get in you will have to act like a cave man until you get attention and get to see these valuable documents.

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Sincerely yours,

William E. Connelley
Secretary