

March 23, 1929.

Chief Long Lance,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have been wanting to talk to you for a long time, but did not write because I heard that you intended to come down here on a visit. However, now I am going to write and ask you to help me.

I am gathering facts about the Sioux leader Sitting Bull, intending to publish the story of his life. As you know, he was a refugee in Canada from 1877 to 1881. All the histories state that while he was up there he tried to persuade the Blackfeet to join him in attacking the white men, and that the Blackfeet refused. Can you tell me anything about this affair? I would like to get the story from the Blackfeet side.

It is hard to get the truth about Sitting Bull, and so I am asking your help, because you are in a position to know the truth. I shall be glad to give you full credit for any information you give me, when my book is printed. Please help me.

Perhaps I had better explain that, although my own father's name was Vestal, I have been known by the name of my step-father, Campbell, all my life.

FAITHFULLY YOURS

W.S.Campbell
(Stanley Vestal)