

that no part of the reservation therein described should be ceded unless three-fourth of all of the adult male Indians agreed to and signed the treaty.

The treaty was duly signed by Spotted Tail and the Brules, twenty-four of the chiefs joining, on the 29th day of April, 1868. Man Afraid and thirty-nine of the Oglalas signed on the 25th of May. Old One Horn, he who was painted by Catlin thirty-five years before, and sixteen Minneconjous signed on May 26th. Twenty-three Yanktonais, headed by Two Bears, and among whom was the still well known Black Tomahawk, signed on the same day for the Yanktonais, and at the same time Little Chief, Correl Horse and twenty-five Arapahoes put their names to the treaty.

Red Cloud sent down word that he guessed he would wait until the forts were abandoned and the roads closed up before he would sign, and so the matter hung along month after month. Finally, at the end of August, upon the advice of the peace commissioners, the government determined to take the old chief at his word, and on the 27th of that month all of the troops were withdrawn from Forts Phil Kearney, C. F. Smith and Reno. Red Cloud at the time was watching operations from the buffalo camp on the Powder, and he said he guessed he would make his meat before he came in to meet the commissioners. His action caused a good deal of uneasiness both in military quarters and in the Indian department, where it was felt that it was possible that he did not intend to keep faith. However, when the old man "had got his fall's work done up" he appeared at Fort Laramie and on November 6th signed the treaty. He brought in at the same time many of the leading men of the Uncpapas, Blackfeet, Cutheads, Two Kettles, Sans Arcs and Santees, ³⁸⁷ who had been/with him in the hostile camps of the Big Horn country. Among the Uncpapas the only familiar name of the signers is that of young Bear's Rib, who had succeeded to his father, the Harney chief of 1856. John Grass is one of the signers on the part of the Blackfeet, and the Fireheart signs as the head chief. Big Head is one of the signers for the Cutheads, and the Long Mandan for the Two Kettles. No familiar name appears among the signers for the Sans Arcs. Wapasha the third and Big Eagle signed for the