

generals, due to the great prominence given to Red Cloud and his warriors, but Spotted Tail, in the interest of peace, wisely suppressed his ambitions and let Red Cloud take precedence of him. They were shown the navy yard and the arsenal, taken to all the places of public interest, and Red Cloud declined to have his picture taken by Brady, on the ground that he was not a white man and was not dressed to fit the occasion. For their benefit a big fifteen inch Rodman gun at the arsenal was fired, and their surprise was great as they saw the huge shell ricocheting down the river. Red Cloud carefully took the measure of the diameter of the gun with his fan and when shown the size of the grains of powder used, his admiration was unbounded. The main point which the government desired to secure by this visit was to induce Red Cloud to bring in his people and settle down at an agency on a reservation, a position on the Missouri River being preferable. The secretary of the interior made a somewhat extended talk on this line, indicating its advantages, and in general going over the whole situation growing out of the late period of hostility. To this talk Red Cloud replied:

The Great Spirit has seen me naked and my Great Father I have fought against him. I offered my prayers to the Great Spirit so I might come here safe. Look at me, I was raised on this land where the sun rises and now I come from where the sun sets. Whose voice was first sounded on this land? The voice of the red people who had but bows and arrows. The Great Father says he is good and kind to us. I don't think so. I am good to his white people. From the word sent me I have come all the way to his home. My face is red. Yours is white. The Great Spirit has made you to read and write, but not me. I have not learned. I come here to tell the Great Father what I do not like in my country. You are all close to my Great Father and are a great many chiefs. The men the Great Father sends to us have no sense. What he has done in my country I did not want; I did not ask for it; white people going through my country. Father, have you or any of your friends here got children? Do you want to raise them? Look at me; I come here with all these young men. All of them have children and want to raise them. The