

white children have surrounded me and have left me nothing but an island. When we first had this land we were strong, now are melting like snow on a hill side, while you are grown like spring grass. Now I have come a long distance to my Great Father's house. See if I have left any blood in his land when I go. When the white man comes in my country he leaves a trail of blood behind him. Tell the Great Father to move Fort Fetterman away and we will have no more trouble. I have two mountains in that country, the Black Hills and the Big Horn Mountains. I want the Father to make no roads through them. I have told these things three times and now I have come here to tell them the fourth time. I do not want my reservation on the Missouri. This is the fourth time I have said so. Here are some people from there now. Our children are dying off. The country does not suit them. I was born at the forks of the Platte and I was told that the land belonged to me from north, south, east and west. The red man has come to the Great Father's house. The Oglalas are the last who have come here, but I come to hear and listen to the words of the Great Father. They have promised me traders, but we have none. At the mouth of Horse Creek they made a treaty in 1852 and the man who made the treaty is the only man who has told me the truth. When you send goods to me they are stolen all along the road, so when they reach me there is only a handful. The held out a paper for me to sign and that is all I got for my land. I know the people you send out there are liars. Look at me, I am poor and naked, I do not want war with my government; the railroad is passing through my country now; I have received no pay for the land, not even a brass ring. You might grant my people the powder we ask. We are but a handful and you a great and powerful nation. You make all the ammunition; all I ask is enough for my people to kill game. The Great Spirit has made all things that I have in my country wild, I have to hunt them up. It's not like you who go out and find what you want. I have no more to say.