

made only to be broken, the doubts and distrusts of our present professions of friendship and good will, were portrayed in colors so vivid and language so terse that admiration and surprise would have kept us silent had not shame and humiliation done so. That which made this arraignment more telling was that it often came from the lips of men who are our friends and who had hoped against hope that the day might come when their wrongs would be redressed. The old chief said:

"If you white men had a country which was very valuable, which had always belonged to your people, and which the Great Father had promised should be yours forever, and men of another race came to take it away by force, what would your people do?

Would they fight?" One of the duties imposed upon the commission was to see if they could not induce the Indians to leave the Dakota country and take up their homes in the Indian Territory. In the discussion of this proposition, Spotted Tail said: "I hear that you have come to move us. Tell your people that the Great Father promised that we should never be removed. We have been moved five times.

I think you had better put the Indians on wheels and then you can run them about whenever you wish." Red Cloud, discussing the Custer war, said: "Rub it out. Tell

the white people that this is not an Indian war. It is a white man's war. A great many widows and orphans have been made on both sides. It is time to ask who is to take care of them. This matter has not been begun with judgment. It is displeasing to the Great Spirit."

The commissioners had prepared a treaty in advance which provided that the Indians should accept a reservation beginning on the north line of the state of Nebraska at the intersection of the 103d meridian, thence up that meridian to the <sup>441</sup> Cheyenne River, thence down the Cheyenne to the forks, thence up the north fork of the Cheyenne to the intersection of the 103d meridian, thence north on that meridian to the Cannon Ball and down the Cannon Ball to its mouth, thence down the Missouri to the north line of the state of Nebraska, and westward on that line to the place of beginning. All other lands outside of this reservation were absolutely relinquished. This included not only the Black Hills, but the long contended for buffalo country of the Powder River and the Yellowstone. An entirely