The Santees ask the White Mother to allow these people to have a small ~~portion~~ quantity of ammunition to keep themfrom starving.

I could recommend that communication be opened to Wood Mountain, which I can do by placing a non-commissioned officer and two men at the foot of this mountain, and placing two lodges, say 45 miles apart, between that point and Wood Mountain, at places I have selected where there in timber.

Another duty of these detachments would be to take reports of Half-breeds who wish to cross the line to trade, many of the trading posts on the American side of the line being closed, and they are forced to come to this side to make their purchases. They also wish to know how they can make their entries on robes, horses, &c., at Wood Mountain and foot of this mountain-the former being 180 miles the latter 45 distant -too great for them to come here.

I have been informed that parties have been over and made trades and returned, but being unable to find the property traded I was forced to let the matter drop.

I would further suggest that if permission is given to establish the communication, I be notified at once, as the roads are in good condition for the transportation of supplies and grain. No more than four horses would be required for each place.

I would recommend that Constable McDonell be stationed at Wood Mountain, and ~~such~~ constable Martin at the foot of the Cypress Mountain.

I beg to enclose report of Sub-Inspector Frechette, awaiting your instructions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

J. M. WALSH,

Inspector Commanding N.W.M.P., Fort Walsh.

To Col. J. F. Macleod, C.M.G.,
Commissioner, North-West Mounted Police,
Fort Macleod, North-West Territory.

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Fort Walsh, 15th Marhc, 1877.

SIR-Ihave the honorto report that on the 3rd instant, on my arrival at Yankton camp, situated on White Mud River, 120 miles easy of this place, the Head Chief of the Tetons and fifty-seven lodges of his tribe, direct from ~~Powder River, were crossing line~~ and made camp three-fourths of a mile north of line close to Yankton cmap; after the camp was made, I informed the Medcine Bear, Chief of the Yanktons, that I wished to ja have a takl with the Teton and Yankton Chiefs, and asked him to call them in council , which he did. "Four Horns" is the Head Chief of the Tetons, and carries with him,what might be called the headquarters of the tribe. Sitting Bull he only acknowledges as one ~~of his head soldiers, to Four Horns"~~ and the Tetons I spoke first. I put the same questions I did to "Black Moon," the highest chief in the party of Tetons that arrived,