

with these people; that part of the country we came from belonged to us, and you took it from us, now we live here.

Runs the Roe said:- Look at me; seven years in this country, and raise my people in peace. For 64 years you treated us bad; don't like you at all; you came here to tell us lies; I shake hands with the Police in peace. These people (meaning the British) learned us to shoot for the first time; we did not give our country to you; you stole it away from us; you come here to tell us lies; when you go home take them with you.

Nine (A Yankton):- Everyone here shook hands; ~~with~~ I don't wear the clothes of these other Indians; you came here to tell lies; 64 years since you got our country, and kept us fighting every since; you come here to have a council; you did not treat us right, and come over here; you promised to take care of us, but did not; these people are good; I intend to live here; ~~with bullets here we intend to kill meat and hurt nobody~~; that is what these people here tell us to do.

A Squaw (Wife of the Bear that Scatters): I wanted to raise children in your country, but you gave me no time; I come to this country to raise my children; I will stay with these people here and raise my children.

Flying Bird said God raised us; we have sense enough to love one another. Sitting Bull's country you wanted to get, and now you have taken. The soldiers find us out and never think of anything good for us, always bad.

General Terry:- Are we to say to the President that you refuse the offers made to you.

SB:- I have told you all I have to tell you. This part of the country does not belong to you, all on this side belongs to these people (meaning the Police).

The Crow (Embracing Col. Mac. and Maj W.): - That is the way I like these people. You were not afraid to come here. What mean you to come here and talk to us. All this country belongs to this people (Police) that is the reason we come here. God don't want us to do anything bad; come to live with these people; people that don't hide. I suppose you want to hear something from us, that is the reason you come over. For 64 years shook hands, but were sold and had hardships ever since, came across the line and people here took good care of us.

You can go back to where you come from and stay there; come over here and Great Mother knows of it; come here to live in peace and raise children.

General Terry then told the Indians that he had nothing more to say.

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North-West Mounted Police,
Fort Walsh, Oct. 17th, 1877.

GENTLEMEN, - In answer to your note I beg to inform you that after the interview of the Commissioners with the Indians, I had a "talk" with the latter.

I endeavoured to press upon them the importance of the answer they had just made; that although some of the speakers to the commissioners had claimed to be British Indians, we denied the claim, and that the Queen's Government looked upon them all as American Indians who had taken refuge in our country from their enemies.

I pointed out to them that their only hope was the buffalo, that it would ~~not be~~ ~~not~~ not be many years before that source of supply would cease, and that they could expect nothing whatever from the Queen's Government except protection as long as they behaved themselves.