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on the 28th day of July, 1832, in the Mandan village,
certifying that we witnessed, in company of Mr C —, the
whole of those four days' ceremonies, & that he has re-
presented in his 4 things, then & their mode of them,
exactly what we saw, & without addition or
exaggeration, it will be seen that I witnessed those same
with Mr. C — and interpreted their whole meaning
for him as they are described in his work. Since
the extinction of this friendly tribe, & the end of this
peculiar & unaccountable custom, & in the 85th year
of my age, from a sense of duty to my ancient
friend Mr C —, and a wish for the truthfulness of
his work, I have taken the liberty of committing to your
care & for your use, as you may be disposed,
foregoing statement.

Yours truly

James Hobbs

Professor Henry

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