

Mr. Girard, in charge of Fort Berthold, and a reliable gentleman, writes to me as follows: his letter reached me last evening, and is dated from Berthold, July 20:

"I avail myself of a good occasion to write to you a few lines in regard to the Sioux. Three half-breeds, (from the northwest British possessions,) in company with the Crow's Breast, the head chief of the Gros Ventres, went out to the Sioux camps on Heart river. There are three bands close together, and they are on their way to Fort Berthold. They number about a thousand lodges, principally Yanctonnais, Santees, &c. They held a council with the Crow's Breast and tried to persuade him to induce his people and the two other united tribes (Riccarees and Mandans) to join them against the whites. He refused openly and boldly to join in the hostile coalition against the whites, upon which they showed him their utmost contempt. They told him they would go to Berthold, and trade ammunition, on terms such as they themselves would dictate, implying that they would take it by force, should it be refused to them in trade. They brought a young white girl, who had been made a prisoner in Minnesota, and placed her at the side of Crow's Breast, in contempt of the whites, and to humble and mortify the feelings of the chief. How things will turn out at Berthold, with regard to the Sioux, is hard to say; indeed, I see and hear every one is preparing to fight - we all anticipate great trouble. I shall try and prevent the Sioux crossing the Missouri; I shall write to you the result by the first opportunity.

*Remember the cut in
on his trade*

"The three British half-breeds went out to invite the Sioux to their camp to trade with them, and they would supply them with all their wants. Assuredly something should be done to prevent these half-breeds from coming out on the lands of our government on hunting excursions. They destroy the game, and at the same time excite the hostile bands of Sioux against the whites. The Riccarees, Gros Ventres, and Mandans are very much dissatisfied that the half-breeds hunt on their lands; they have expressed their dissatisfaction heretofore to the agents of government, and will again lodge their complaints before General Sully and call for redress.