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and have been on the verge of starvation. I have no hesitation in saying that I believe them to be perfectly sincere, and this opinion is based on considerable intercourse during five years with these same Indians.

As soon as I have completed all arrangements with the Brules and Ogalallas I will direct them to go to the Black Hills, eight miles north, and establish their camp until spring. This is their favorite ground, but for three years they have not been permitted to occupy it.

The band of Northern Cheyennes affiliate with the Sioux, and I have good reason to suppose that they will ask to be allowed to come in.

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