

take possession of all the Sioux country, giving the Indians a fair equivalent, and ask them to make new treaties binding themselves to yield up to the United States forever all claim to every acre of land they have on the face of the earth. No matter how few would consent to do this, enough could be obtained to make a beginning. Then give them out of the lands so purchased, not reserve for them out of their own lands, tracts sufficiently large for their use upon which to locate. Make no treaty stipulations as to the exact amount of the purchase money they shall receive each year, but this should be made to depend upon their good behavior, the numbers located and actually engaged in the pursuits of agriculture. Then appoint them an agent for life, or during good behavior, and if it should be thought that he could not be relied upon to furnish the necessary information, appoint or designate three officers of the Territory, say the governor, the chief justice, and the surveyor general or secretary of the Territory, to visit their location once each year and report to Congress through / ²³⁵ the proper channel recommending what amount of the money due them for their land should be paid that year, and Congress should make the appropriation accordingly. The persons thus sent to look into their affairs should be men familiar with the peculiarities of the identical Indians with whom they are to transact business. Then adopt a strict registration system, and allow no one to receive a dollar of assistance who is not actually located upon this reservation. Then send an army of ten thousand soldiers through the country, and give them an ocular demonstration of the determination and ability of the government to carry out its policy, and make the hostile Indians feel that "the way of the transgressor is hard." Soon the truth will dawn upon their minds that by their hostility they have actually lost forever their country, and that there remains nothing to fight for. They will see that the peaceable Indians are enjoying year after year all the benefits from the government for their lands which can ever be expected, and that each year the amount is being absorbed by the friends of the government, and one after another will come in and register his name until the whole Sioux nation is at peace. This will be a peace that will never be broken, for they will feel an entire dependence upon the