

The determined tone assumed by Red Cloud in regard to the location of the trading post, made it apparent that it would be useless for the commissioners to propose to go into the Indian country to select a place which we might deem suitable for cultivation and the permanent settlement, and, as the best alternative, we proposed Raw Hide Buttes as the place for the post for the present. They had evidently fully discussed the subject in their own councils and thought it decided in their way, and the proposition was not received with favor.

While it was under discussion, a sudden and somewhat violent discussion arose among them, on account of an objection of Red Dog to John Richards, who was interpreting, and a demand that Leon Bullardy should interpret the speech he was about to make. This made it expedient to adjourn the council until, as Red Cloud said, "they could settle this thing among themselves."

After the adjournment the commissioners had a private conference with Red Cloud, in which the subject of the agency was further discussed, and the importance of his having teachers and schools and a commencement of civilization urged.

The council reassembled on the 6th and was continued several hours, the subjects being the same generally as the day before. The position of the commissioners was a difficult one, for we could not but feel that the Indians were technically correct in their claim about the old California road, (see sixteenth article of the treaty,) and that it would be impossible to convince them that their request in regard to the trading post was not reasonable, even if ourselves convinced. At the same time we were satisfied the commissioners of 1867, who made the treaty, did not intend to close the road, and that to locate the trading post on the border, as they wished, would be greatly injurious to their future welfare, and lead to constant troubles between them and the whites. We endeavored to press them to a right conclusion on these subjects, and in regard to the matter of education, only so far as we could do so, and at the same time confirm their present friendly disposition, and draw from them reiterated expressions of their intention to remain peaceable.

On the morning of the 7th we learned that three of the four bands had decided