we will be glad to hear if he has anything to say.

Sitting Bull. Do you not know who I am, that you speak as you do?

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/   The Chairman. I know that you are Sitting Bull, and if you have anything to say

we will be glad to hear you.

SB. Do you recognize me; do you know who I am?

The Chairman. I know you are Sitting Bull.

Sitting Bull. You say you know I am Sitting Bull, but do you know what position

I hold?

The Chairman. I do not know any difference between you and the other Indians

at this agency.

Sitting Bull. I am here by the will of the Great Spirit, and by his will I am

a chief. My heart is red and sweet, and I know it is sweet, because whatever passes

near me puts out its tongue to me; and yet you men have come here to talk with us,

and you say you do not know who I am. I want to tell you that if the Great Spirit has

chosen any one to be the chief of this country it is myself.

The Chairman. In whatever capacity you may be here to-day, if you desire to

say anything to us we will listen to you; otherwise we will dismiss this council.

SB. Yes; that is all right. You have conducted yourselves like men who have been

drinking whisky, and I came here to give you some advice. (Here Sitting Bull waved

his hand and at once the Indians left the room in a body.)

After the council had been broken up by the action of Sitting Bull some of the

Yanktonnais chiefs, from the northern portion of the reservation, setn the interpreter

to ask the committee if they could have a separate talk; that heretofore the other

Indians from the lower portion of the reservation had monopolized the talk and they

had been unable to speak of their needs.

The committee granted the request and the council was reconvened.

The Chairman (to the interpreter, Wells). Say to these Indians that we understand

that those who have come here now want to have a separate talk with the committee.

Say to them also that if they are going to be controlled by Sitting Bull we do not

wish to have any further talk with them.