

pitying eyes. There were white men here among us who knew our needs and our great suffering, and they made contracts with us and promised things which could not be fulfilled. But such men as you who have come to look after our interests we consider are our only source of redress, and we can make our complaints to you, believing that what we ask you will endeavor to obtain for us from the Great Father. We only want what is due us now.

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/By the Chairman:

Q. Is there anything going wrong now that you want changed?

Two Bears. Our main grievance is that we do not know the boundaries of our land, and we would like to have a plain line drawn around it.

Q. Do you think the Indians would be willing for the Government to take a part of the land, and you take a great many cows and bulls to pay for it? - A. We all are of one opinion about that, and it is that we are very much dissatisfied with the agreement, and we want to undo what has been done.

Mad Bear. You ask if anything grieves us. The traders grieve us, for they do not trade squarely with us. When a man buys anything he should be able to buy what suits him. The flour that we buy from the trader is bitter and bad to eat.

By the Chairman:

Q. Would you not like to raise your own wheat, then the traders could not sell you bitter flour? - A. Of course we are anxious to raise our own bread if we had the proper implements to work our land with. As it is we are unable to do it. If the Great Father will help us to raise such things as are raised by other people we will be very glad to do it.

Q. Have you anything else to say? - A. I went to Washington once, and saw the way the white men live. I saw a great many stores, and if the Great Father would allow a half-breed to keep a store here and trade with us, and not stop him from doing it, we would be very well pleased indeed. Of course that is merely an idea of my own. I do not know of any half-breed here who is able to keep a store, but I only ask if there is one that can be found that the Great Father will give him a license to trade with us.