

not there, and have gone to war. While the Indians continue to make war upon the road it will not be given up. But if, on examination at Laramie in November, we find that the road hurts you, we will give it up or pay for it. If you have any claims present them to us at Laramie.

"You also ask of us presents, more especially powder and lead to hunt buffalo. We will give you some presents because you have come up here to see us. But we will not give you much till we come to a satisfactory agreement. We cannot give you powder and ball, because very recently you killed white people, innocent immigrants; some of you attacked a train, and killed people who were carrying provisions to whites and Indians. To Spotted Tail, Standing Elk Two Strike, Swift Bear, and bands, we are willing to give them almost anything they want, because they have remained at peace all the spring and summer. But the rest of you must work with your bows and arrows till you satisfy us/p.209/ you will not kill our people. This answers all that question.

"We now give you advice. We know well that the red and white men were not brought up alike. You depend upon game for a living, and you get hats and clothes from the whites. All that you see men wear they have to work for. But you see they have plenty to eat, that they have fine houses and fine clothes. You can have the same, and we believe the time has come when you should begin to own these things, and we will give you assistance. You can own herds of cattle and horses like the Cherokees and Choctaws. You can have cornfields like the Poncas, Yanktons, and Pottawatomies. You see for yourself that the white men are collecting in all directions, in spite of all you can do. The white men are taking all the good land. If you don't choose your homes now, it will be too late next year. This railroad up the Platte and the Smoky Hill railroad will be built, and if you are damaged we must pay you in full, and if your young men will interfere, the Great Father, who, out of love for you,