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Indians

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Dear sir:

May I trouble you to ask whether you have any photographs, either stills or motion pictures, of the Plains Indian sign language? If so, how does one get the use of them?

Also, I wonder if you can clear up a difficulty in some research I am doing. It appears that the Hudson's Bay Company fur brigade, under Ogden or Work or both, in the 1830s spent one season near Salt Lake. In the account given by Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor in *THE RIVER OF THE WEST*, she says that the British had with them some Rockaway Indians, apparently from Canada.

Was there any such tribe or band that you know of? I have thought it possible they might be connected with the Stoney tribe, or Stone-boilers or Assiniboines, but perhaps this is too far-fetched.

I shall be grateful for your advice on this point.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Campbell

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