



Two Leggings, an Apsaroke. The Apsarokes belong to the Siouan stock and are a direct off-shoot of the Hidatsa. The latter in the late pre-Columbian period migrated from the northeast and joined the Mandan on the Missouri River

In view of the immense amount of detail in the Indian Bureau's work, the reader may be astonished to learn that, at the beginning of my administration, either I or my one assistant commissioner was obliged to sign by hand every bit of writing that went out of our office. There was one busy day, when my assistant signed his name or initials nearly 1,400 times. I have written as many as 800 signatures with my own hand between nine in the morning and seven at night, when I started for home with a

bundle of documents I had had no time to read in the office, to pore over them till I fell asleep in my chair after midnight.

Albeit I succeeded in breaking through this tradition to some extent, and my successor procured further relief, even to this time the mere routine is a soul-wearing burden to the man at the desk of chief authority in the Indian Bureau. And when you consider that he must steal a few hours out of the twenty-four to sleep off his worst exhaustion, whereas the grafters are always