

January 3, 1928

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
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Dear Mr. Grinnell:

I have your letter of January 2, and wish to thank you for your patience with me in the matter of Sitting Bull. I have read so many sensational stories about the man by people who obviously knew nothing about him, it is a great relief to read such cautious statements from one so well informed as yourself. As you suggest, it will be hard to get the facts, but at any rate I shall try.

In reading accounts by military men of the Custer fight and other campaigns, I find many of them of the opinion that the Indians were all well armed by the traders and the Indian agents. I recall your statement to the contrary, and I find these same military men say that the Indians paid as high as \$100 in furs for a magazine rifle in the 70's. As a sportsman and editor of "Field and Stream," I suppose you were familiar with the weapons used in those days. Can you tell me what a white man paid in the 70's for a Henry or a Winchester rifle? To me it seems ridiculous to claim that the Indians could have armed themselves to a man with the magazine rifles at \$100 a piece.

With many thanks, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)
W. S. Campbell

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