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Mr. W. S. Campbell,
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

I suspect that I must have missed the earlier letter you sent me care of Yale University Press. At all events, I do not recall it.

I am sorry to say that I can give you no help about the character of the Sioux leader, Sitting Bull.

I have never had anything whatever to do with the Sioux and have no personal knowledge of Sitting Bull, whom I never saw. I am confident that he was a good orator, for Cheyenne men whom I knew intimately and trusted, have told me about being present at councils with Sitting Bull, when the question of the fighting with the whites, which culminated in 1776, came up.

As to the published account of the Custer expedition to the Black Hills in 1874, that was issued, I am sure, by the War Department in the following year. I have a copy of the book.

We had no trouble with Indians on the trip, though something of that sort was anticipated. We had with us nearly a hundred Indian scouts, some of whom were Sioux, though they were chiefly Arikaras.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)
Geo. Bird Grinnell

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