

November 18, 1929.

Mr. Martin Abernethy,
Claremont, California.

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

I was delighted to receive your kind letter praising my book 'DOBE WALLS. It is very gratifying to find those who know the Indians so well approving of my attempt to portray them. And I assure you that I enjoyed your memory of George Bent's war experience. It was new to me. Thank you also for the book ADOBE DAYS. I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

One of my most vivid recollections was one of your visits to my grandmother's home in Fredonia, when you displayed a number of Indian things and a pair of long horns. In fact, I date my first interest in the redskins from that evening, and I am glad you like my books, since in a way you are responsible for them.

Last summer I spent partly among the Sioux up north, gathering material for my forthcoming life of Sitting Bull. I enjoyed myself very much. It was like old times, for the Indians down here are getting too civilised. Can you tell me anything about Sitting Bull? Did you ever see him? The books are full of astonishing lies about the man. Or have you any friends who might be able to help me?

I assure you that I shall not fail to look you up if ever I get away to California. I hope that, if you return to Oklahoma at any time, you will let us have the pleasure of seeing you.

Cordially yours,

W.S. CAMPBELL
(Stanley Vestal)