

August 10, 1929.

Mr. A. B. Welch,
Mandan, N.D.

Dear Mr. Welch:

I suppose you are feeling fit as a fighting cock, after your stay in camp. Down here it is hot, and so far I have not got out side much. I wish I could have run up to see you.

I have been corresponding with my publisher about the drawings, and have finally persuaded him that they ought to be reproduced in the book. He has agreed to forward the money to pay for the copies, certificate of origin, data as to who made it, when, and the approximate dates of the exploits represented.

That is to say he wants (in addition to #14, which you sent me) Nos. 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, and No. 17 from the other tipi of Old Bull. If you will send them on, I will remit immediately. I expect his check will be here as soon as the drawings.

I note that in No. 14 Sitting Bull carries a shield of a pattern different from that in No. 16, and that in the drawings in Washington. I suppose there is no doubt that the man represented is Sitting Bull? I cannot afford to make an error in this, and will be grateful if you will check the matter carefully. A book of this sort is so long in preparation, and so expensive, that about the only profit lies in its quality when finished.

By the way, in the list of Indians killed with Sitting Bull as given in McLaughlin's account, I find the age of Little Assiniboine listed as 44. I had supposed he was younger than that! Sitting Bull was only 56, they say. When did he capture and adopt L.A., anyhow? Does anyone up there know the circumstances? I had always heard that L.A. was just a boy when S.B. took him.

They have an old Sioux painted tipi down here, said to come from Fort Rice. I wish I could bring it up there and see what it is all about. There are a lot of drawings on it.

If you should ever come to Oklahoma, be sure to look me up.

Faithfully yours,

W S Campbell