

May 10, 1930.

Major A. B. Welch,  
Mandan, North Dakota.

Dear Major Welch:

I have recently come into possession of many of the documents and letters having to do with Sitting Bull's last days, including a transcript or copy of the orders for his arrest. It seems likely that I shall need to reproduce some of these for my book. I remember that you gave me your kind permission to use your transcripts for purposes of historical study, but requested that I do not publish the orders, as you wished to keep the possession of them from the public.

Inasmuch as you first showed me these papers, I would greatly appreciate your permission to publish them, with or without acknowledgement of your kindness- as you prefer- though, as I say, I have been supplied with copies corresponding with the originals in your possession.

If you are willing to have photographic copies made of the two orders for reproduction in my book, I shall be happy to pay the bill of the local photographer, or the charges of sending them to Washington, D.C. for photostatic reproduction.

You have helped me so much that I am bold to ask you to do this also.

When the book appears, I shall be happy to present you a copy, autographed. I intend to make it a much more ambitious volume than I dared contemplate at first, since the Guggenheim Foundation is enabling me to devote the next year to its completion without the drudgery of teaching.

Yours very cordially,

W.S. Campbell