

May 5, 1930.

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Mr. Henry McKay,
Grand Rapids, Manitoba,
via the Pas,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

For two years past I have been working on a biography of the celebrated Sioux Indian Sitting Bull, who as you are very well aware was in Canada 1877-81. In trying to get firsthand information about his life in Canada, a number of Government officials have given me your name and so I am writing to you now. I shall be very grateful if you will tell me what you know about Sitting Bull, anything he said or did to your knowledge and your impression of the man himself. I would also like to have your opinion as to why Sitting Bull surrendered to the American Government in 1881. Some say the Royal Northwest Mounted Police were responsible for this, others that it was the traders in Canada who talked him in to it. On this side of the line the United States Army and a certain Scout Allison, known to the Indians as Fish, also claim all the credit for his surrender. Is it true that the United States Government offered \$20,000.00 for Sitting Bull's surrender?

On what occasions did you talk to Sitting Bull or act as interpreter for him? I shall be very grateful for anything you can tell me and shall be happy to give you full credit for your information when my book comes out next spring. Please help me.

Yours very truly,

W. S. CAMPBELL.