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Superintendent Lewis F. Crawford,
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thanks for your letter of July 25th. I did not mean to make your lot more miserable than the weather had done already. It can't be much warmer up there than down here, so I sympathize. I can very well wait until you find time to help me. The book won't be out this year. Probably I shall spend another full year on it.

It is mighty kind of you to offer me your assistance in the field up there. I still have a glimmer of hope that I may get up there this year. I am free after August 1st until September 15th. But I may have to postpone this until next summer. I shall certainly be happy to have your aid in getting at the old Indians, and especially those of his immediate group, who were loyal to him through thick and thin and always near his person. Every time I get in touch with a man who knew him well, I find the same praise and admiration for him and the same condemnation for his enemies which you expressed. But, as you will readily guess, the sources multiply like the hydra of legend, and most of them have to be verified at that. The Indians- as you told me- are the final bed-rock of this quest, and I shall be glad to have your aid.

I'll let you know if I can get up there this year.

Cordially yours,

W.S.Campbell

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Don't fail to let me hear when your new book appears.