

*Sitting Bull*

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Red Wing, Minnesota  
November 21, 1928

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I have your letters of November 14 and 17, and in reply to the latter I would say that I do not think the Bureau of Ethnology has any unpublished material from Standing Rock. I do not know of anyone except myself, from the Bureau, who has visited that locality. I do not think the Bureau has any other material on the Sioux.

✓ If I have not given you the name of DR. O.J. Libby, I would do so now. His address is University, North Dakota. He was--the last I knew--connected with the University of North Dakota and that was his address. He was with the State Historical Society a long time and did field work every summer.

✓ It is my recollection that I sold the calendar, to which you refer, to Mr. Victor J. Evans (Victor Building, Washington D.C.). He is a collector and has a very large collection, of which he is very proud. He is a patent attorney. The last I knew, he was having his collection catalogued. One of his peculiarities is that he does not answer letters, so I am afraid you would not get a reply, but it might be worth trying. The calendar is very fine, and I regretted that there were so many illustrations in my Sioux book that it could not be shown entire.

*You must state*  
If you enclosed a stamped envelope, addressed, and asked whether you could have a photograph of the calendar, for which you would pay, and said ~~you were going to use it as an illustration in a printed article and would state that the photograph was from~~ *an article* in his collection, it might be that possibly you would get a response. You may say that I believed that I sold the calendar to him. I remember the circumstances of his buying a similar article and am quite sure it was this calendar.

✓ Why don't you write to Mr. E.J. Mossman, Supt. Standing Rock Reservation, Fort Yates, N.D., and ask what assistance he can give? Say that I suggested your writing him. I knew him many years ago and he is one of the most upstanding superintendents in the Service. There are plenty of Indians around there who knew Sitting Bull, and there are probably articles belonging to him that could be bought, but an Indian could not sit down and write anything intelligible about him. The most reliable account you can find anywhere (in my opinion) is that in McLaughlin's "My Friend the Indian". Major McLaughlin knew Sitting Bull and he also knew Indians, which is a rare combination, and I believe he was a disinterested writer on the Indians. It will be very hard to find reliable material that shows Sitting Bull in a fine light, but you have an interesting subject for study. *Conrad J. Durrance*