

August 9, 1929.

Major George P. Ahern,  
The Woodley,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Ahern:

Your very kind and helpful letter of July 31 has come, and I certainly thank you most heartily. Your picture of Sitting Bull is most appealing, and goes far to round out the picture I had begun to form of the man. I think the incident of leaving his card is simply delightful. So far, evidences of humor in the man have been few and far between. No wonder!

You are very kind about the book GREAT AMERICANS OF INDIAN BLOOD. I am sure I should be delighted to have an introduction by some one like Vice-President Curtis, who is himself a living proof of the thesis of the book. Of course, any high official would be very helpful, in case Mr. Curtis does not wish to lend his name.

I think there will be no trouble about finding a publisher. My own publisher is willing to consider the matter, and I think there is no more stable and honorable firm than Houghton Mifflin. You will readily understand that I prefer to have my own publisher bring out the book, since it will contain matter on Sitting Bull which I have gathered with my full-length biography in view. This will prevent conflict over copyright,

I enclose a tentative scheme for the book. If you, and the officers of the Indian Bureau approve it, I can begin the job in the autumn, and will try to finish it by New Year's. It may be that some change will have to be made in the list of chiefs treated, in case the sources are insufficient. Of course, I have been unable to run through the sources of such a list in the brief time since the book was proposed.