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Lieutenant Colonel George P. Ahern
Cortland Apartments
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Ahern:

I assure you that I regret quite as much as you do the necessary omission of the chapter which I wrote on Sitting Bull' as prisoner of war, much of which was based upon the information you gave me, but I had no option. The book as originally planned was to have been in two volumes. The depression made it necessary to cut the book in two, with the results as you find them.

You may be sure that the chapters cut out will receive publication in time to come. I am especially anxious to publish that on Sitting Bull as prisoner of war and intend to do so as an article if not in a forthcoming book. I have recently come into possession of some old photographs of the Indians and the troops at Fort Randal which can be used for illustrations. When opportunity offers I should like to have you look at these photographs and I hope that you can identify some of the persons shown.

It was a great disappointment for me to reduce the book by half. It was like trying to choose which of two children should be slain. You will readily understand that Sitting Bull's time as prisoner of war was relatively an inactive period in his life, and therefore had to go. I had no option in the matter.

Please let me know what you think of the book. I have tried hard to tell the truth.

Yours very sincerely,

W. S. Campbell.

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