

March 10, 1925.³⁰

Superintendent O. S. Upchurch,
Fort Lapwai Indian Agency,
Lapwai, Idaho.

Dear Superintendent Upchurch:

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs is affording me every assistance in gathering material for a biography of the Sioux Indian leader, Sitting Bull, which I am working on at present. As you know, some of Chief Joseph's Nez Perce Indians fled into Canada after Chief Joseph's defeat and took refuge with Sitting Bull there in 1878. I understand that some of these Nez Perce refugees are still alive and in your charge. I am anxious to get their testimony as to what happened while they remained in Sitting Bull's camp. I shall be very grateful to you if you will send me the names of reliable old Indians who can testify, together with the name of some good and trustworthy interpreter of the tribe who might be willing and able to take their testimony for me. Of course, I should expect to pay the interpreter something for his trouble.

Of course I know that your Indians never had any part in the depredations of the hostile Sioux, with whom they were for only a short time, but as an historian I must gather every bit of information possible upon Sitting Bull. Your name was given me by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. I shall be grateful for any help you may give me.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. CAMPBELL.