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Friday 19th.

Started at the usual hour. Had good roads over a high prairie. About twelve miles from camp we came in sight of Powder River;*

*well known.

it presented a beautiful view. About 8 miles below it empties into the Yellowstone. Our eyes caught sight of a solid mass of moving objects. After looking through a Glass found the objects to be a body of about five hundred Indian warriors, fancifully draped in their war costumes. They were headed by Four Horns and Black Moon, deputised to meet and welcome us, by the Chiefs of Unkapapa Camp. On we went with our small party of braves. We move slowly to within a half mile of the main column, when they stopped and went through some of their war manoeuvres, scattering in all directions, then circling around the main body, etc. All at once four dashing fellows with their bows and arrows and other arms, came towards us. We halted to wait for them. Suddenly they rushed forward as if charging; three went straight to Father DeSmet and took him by the hand; the fourth merely waved his hand; then dashed passed us at full speed. They made a circle of our little band, and returned to the main body. We unfurled our flag, then resumed our march for about one half mile. Were thus met by the brother of Four Horn and the principal braves, who shook hands. They placed themselves in front of us. After a general salutation we moved on. They formed a complete guard around us; we went to the Camp, which was about four miles distant, in complete order. They took us into the very center. Sitting Bull ordered our baggage to be put into his Lodge. The anxious crowd began to swarm around us, the camp soldiers, as they were called, were ordered to dismiss them. The Sitting Bull said that when he first saw us with the flag his heart fluttered, he bade it be quick; and now he had learned it was the flag of peace, he felt easy and understood. He then told the braves to take charge of us, see that we had plenty to eat and drink, and not under any circumstances to allow either of us to go far from the