

the Agency. But for my part I can see no reason for doubting the statements of so many reputable living witnesses, who saw that wagon and its contents on its way. Granting that this trivial detail were inaccurate, no change could follow in my presentation of Sitting Bull's character. He was not present.

Mr. Clover accuses me of attempting to discredit Major McLaughlin. I consider this wholly unwarranted and unfair. Not only have I called attention more than once to McLaughlin's superiority to other Indian agents of his time, but I have gone out of my way to defend him against the charges of murder, perfidy, trickery, and graft made against him after the death of Sitting Bull. The McLaughlins are my friends, and have helped me enormously, having put in my hands the whole of the Major's private papers. No man is perfect, of course, and the Major had his faults like other people, but I think there is nothing in my book to his discredit which cannot be found in his own reports and his own book. As to Mr. Clover's denial that Sitting Bull was dominant at Standing Rock until he died, I prefer McLaughlin's statement (quoted on page 315 of my book) to the denial of Mr. Clover. McLaughlin states that the shot that killed Sitting Bull put an end to "domination of the ancient regime at Standing Rock." McLaughlin knew what he was saying. As Mr. Clover admits, the Major knew Indians far better than Mr. Clover does. In this, certainly, Mr. Clover is right.

As to my account of Sitting Bull's death: I derived most of my information from the living policemen, who had a hand in it. Their names have been given in the story in connection with the events they took part in. These men have been good friends to me, and I strongly resent Mr. Clover's false statement to the effect that I "gave them slim credit" and implied that they were cowardly. In the last chapters of my book (pages 258, 281, 292, 302, 316) will be found repeated statements lauding the courage of all these policemen, courage "amounting to foolhardiness." Mr. Clover says I have done injustice to Lieutenant Bullhead. On the contrary, I have printed Bishop Marty's eulogy of Bullhead, and have repeatedly spoken of him as an efficient officer, as the champion of Church and State. Lieutenant Bullhead's