

your country shall be divided into geographical districts - that the country and its boundaries shall be designated by such rivers, mountains and lines, as will show what country each nation claims and where they are located. In doing this it is not intended to take any of your lands away from you, or to destroy your rights to hunt, or fish, or pass over the country, as heretofore. But it will be expected that each nation will be held responsible for depredations committed within its territory, unless it can be clearly shown that the people of some other nation committed them, and then that nation will be held responsible.

Your Great Father only desires to punish the guilty and reward the good. When a horse is stolen, or a scalp taken, or a woman or child carried off, or any other wrong done, he wants to find out who did it, and punish the bad man or nation; and the nation will be held responsible for the acts of its people.

Your condition is now changed for what it formerly was. In times past you had plenty of buffalo and game to subsist upon, and your Great Father well knows that war has always been your favorite amusement and pursuit. He then left the questions of war and peace to yourselves. Now, since the settling of the districts west of you by the white men, your condition is changed, and your Great Father desires you will consider and prepare for the changes that await you.

He desires and it is now necessary that you should make and maintain peace between nations and bands as well as with the whites. Disease, famine and the vices of bad white men are carrying your people off fast enough without the aid of war. Your Great Father desires to drive the bad white men out from amongst you, and I therefore expect you will
freely give me the names of any bad white men in your country.

It is necessary that you should make peace between your several tribes and bands so that there may be no excuse for bad Indians committing depredations on the whites, whilst passing along the roads