

to talk over what he had said to them, and when they met again to be prepared to present him with a chief of the nation, if they agreed to his proposition; if not, to present their objections. The Council then adjourned to the next day.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Treaty Ground, near Fort Laramie,
September 11th, 1851.

Most of this article was devoted to the Council with the Crows---
***** Sept. 12th given up to an attempt to designate on the map the
territory of each nation.*****

In addition the Commissioners had the assistance of Mr. James Bridger, the owner and founder of Bridger's Fort, in the mountains. This man is a perfect original. He is a Kentuckian by birth, but has been in the Indian country since he was sixteen years of age. He was with Gen. Ashley in his early trapping expeditions, and afterwards with various companies, and finally, roamed over the country on his own hook, in the capacity of trapper, hunter, trader, or Indian fighter as the emergency demanded. He has traversed the mountains East and West, and from the Northern boundary of the United States to the Gila river. He is not an educated man, but seems to have an intuitive knowledge of the topography of the country, the courses of streams, the direction of mountains, and is never lost, wherever he may be. It is stated by those who have had him in their employ, that in the midst of the mountains, when the party of trappers wished to move from one stream to another, or cross a mountain to any stream or place, or when lost or uncertain of the proper direction, they would always appeal to Bridger. He would throw his gun carelessly over his shoulder, survey