

supreme effort. He gave a big feast to the Indians, and Sitting Bull went so far as to say: "ifxixex"

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*did Old Bull bring this letter? see Black's description of Legare*

"If I could get a good letter from Major Brotherton (United States commanding officer at Fort Buford), that we will be well received, I may go; I will see about it." Couriers having been despatched and most reassuring letters having been received, Major Crozier felt that he was sure to gain his point. Another big feast was given, and the American letter produced and read. As soon as it was read, however, Sitting Bull jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "I don't take a word that is said." With that he turned on his heel, and Major Crozier, disappointed beyond measure replied: "I do not want to see any of you any longer, I have had so much trouble with you." He then turned them away from the fort, and they started for Legare's post.

It was still cold weather, the wind biting cold, and they starving. So Legare det to surrender them. He said to Father St Germain, "If the British Govt and the Amers cannot do a thing with SB, I will surrender him. I will do it myself. If they pay me, that is all right, but anyhow I will have the credit for it." Began at once.

"I first gave a feast to all the camps." 500 guests. then talk. "I told them it was five years since we were together. - BI/ "I was the first man to shake hands with you when you crossed the line and I stayed with you all the time since. I never said anything much to you before, but now I have to talk a little to you. I see this spg that there is no good for you anywhere; all the half breeds are going away--don't want to see you--and the mtd police don't want to see you any more. For my part, I will try once to help you. If you want to listen, to me, I see just now only one thing is good for you, The Amer Govt is very well disposed to receive you this spg. If you like your children, as you are very poor, you will take my words. You will surrender very soon." they said O. chiefs said they believed me, but would not believe the Amer authorities. The Amer were waiting only to get them all together and then slaughter them. I said, "You know very well I never said much to you except when it was necessary." How. "If you do not believe me I will do more than that--some with me as many as you want, chief or bravem, 30 or 40. we will go and see Maj Brotherton. I will talk for you. I will give you provisions, horses, guns, AM, and treat you well going to Ft Buford, I will talk for you. If you have no good answer from Maj B, I will bring you back--everyone of you," How. Washtay.

"If he keeps us there, what will you do? "I will stay with you," How. but SB not glad of it at all. He knew I could diminish his party a good deal. this was April 20.

five days later we shall start, B" get ready. on Apr 26 L ready, with 12 carts horses and guns etc. 30 got ready to go along. travel 12 mi that day

*Apr 27*  
next day SB held council and induced some of his people to go to Ft Q'Appelle 180 mi no of wd mtn. to consult with Lt-Gov Dewdney who wished to surrender SB and party via Pembina. All poor and old ordered to stay at L's store, only source of food, while SB gone.

SB sent 5 men after Legare, one of em SB's nephew, who seized and shook L violently, said, "We know very well what you are going to do with that party you are taking to Buford, You want to take all the big ones with you, and it is because you want to sell them by the pound."

all but 16 ret after that, rest went on 8 days journey by cart to Buford. *Old Bull*

*Apr 27*  
guns and ponies taken from Inds and taken to Maj B.  
On return to Willow Bunch, L found the Inds eating him out of house & home to save his remaining pemmican, dried meat, flour, bacon, sugar, tea, tobacco, he tried to get a second party to go to Buford, ..most wd not, waiting for SB to get back from Q'Appelle, but 32 went start 23 May reach Buford Je 1

*Old Bull*