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Capt. W. S. Campbell.

I don't believe Sitting Bull, unless it was for the occasion of this portrait, ever wore the costume he appears in in this picture. I certainly never saw him in any such regalia. The portrait also has eliminated the wrinkles in his face, and makes him appear much younger than he really was at that time. As I said, the portrait hung on the wall in his cabin. I was inspecting that cabin, searching for Indians who might be hiding, and forbade our soldiers from molesting anything in the cabin, when suddenly one of the policemen, whose brother, another policemen, lay dead on the ground outside, killed by Sitting Bull's band, came into the cabin crying, and saw this portrait hanging on the wall. Quickly he snatched it down and with his Winchester broke the frame in pieces and broke through the canvas. I snatched the portrait away from him and took possession of it and carried it back to Fort Yates with me. There, at the Standing Rock Agency, I asked Mr. McLaughlin, the Indian Agent, if he would see if Sitting Bull's squaws would allow me to keep the picture. A few days later I met Mr. McLaughlin and asked him about the picture. He said, "Sitting Bull's squaws say if you will pay them \$2.00 you may keep the picture". I handed him \$2.00 for the squaws and still have the picture. I also have the tobacco pouch, buckskin, covered with bead work, which was taken from Sitting Bull's body that morning and handed to me by Red Tomahawk, who was one of the policemen, and I believe claims to have shot Sitting Bull.

I prepared several years ago a manuscript of the events touching the capture and death of Sitting Bull for the South Dakota Historical Society. I believe I have somewhere a copy of that manuscript. If it would be of any use to you I should be willing to look it up for you with proviso, of course, that you take care of it and return it to me.

Begging that you will return the enclosed photograph shortly and hoping that you will be successful in finding further data concerning Sitting Bull to use in your life of him,

Very faithfully yours,

MFS/AH.

W. S. Campbell