

of them left the agency for their summer's hunt, ranging as far west as the Little Rocky and Bear's Paw Mountains, north to the boundary-line between the United States and the British northwest territory, east to the limits of Montana, and south to the Missouri River and the Fort Buford military reservation. I have been in weekly communication with this camp during the entire summer, and am much gratified in being able to state that game is abundant and their summer's hunt has been a most successful one. They have had an abundance of wild meat to subsist upon and have dried and cured large quantities for their fall use.

In all my intercourse with these Indians I have found them peacably inclined, tractable, kind, and loyal. They are not in sympathy with the hostiles, though repeated and earnest efforts have been made, through emissaries from Sitting Bull, to induce them to join the unfriendly Indians, and while they remain true and firm in their friendship to the United States Government, they complain bitterly of the enforcement of the order prohibiting them from procuring the ammunition necessary in obtaining the wild meats upon which they are expected to subsist the greater portion of the season.