

Don. Cameron, in his letter of July the 3th to the President concerning this war says, "The present military operations are not against the Sioux nation at all, but against certain hostiles of it, who defy the government. No part of these operations are on or near the Sioux reservation." How to reconcile this with the military coming to the agencies on the reservation and taking from those who had not left it, but been peaceable all the time, their ponies and guns, thus taking from them their only means of supporting themselves, I do not see.

The most numerous, and until recently the most powerful tribe of Indians within our borders, are now completely crushed. We have taken from most of them everything except life. They are now poor, miserable beggars, unable to avenge their wrongs, and they know it. They will never again war on us. The negroes never warred on us, yet Jefferson says, "I tremble when I remember that God is just." Can we, who are familiar with the history of our late civil war, say this trembling was without cause, or that we have no cause to tremble on account of our treatment of the Indians?

St. Peter, March 15, 1877.