

I also desire you to publically commend in my name the bravery and fidelity of the force and inform the survivors that while I sincerely regret that the taking of life was necessary it is gratifying to me to know that I have such reliable assistants in my efforts to promote the welfare of these people and that their noble conduct has been highly praised wherever spoken of.

Respectfully,

T. J. Morgan,

Commissioner."

This sufficiently voices the sentiments of the Indian office of the day regarding the action of the Indian police at Standing Rock. I state it now, as a regrettable fact, that the proposed congressional action for the relief of the families of the men who dies in the affair on Grand River is still in contemplation. Successive congresses have failed to find time or money to provide for the families of the red heroes who laid down their lives that morning and prevented what I verily believe would have been a disastrous out-break. So much for the claims of the red widows and orphans.

In response to a further report made by me by telegraph and evoked by the necessity of showing what was going on at the Standing Rock reservation while war was imminent on other Sioux reservations, I receive the following from Commissioner Morgan:

Washington, Jan. 12, 1891.

"James McLaughlin,

U. S. Indian Agent,

Standing Rock, N. D.

"Sir:-

"I have read with gratification your telegram of the 10th inst., and am glad to know that the Standing Rock Indians have been so very generally loyal to the government.