

Bull and his people should have no cause for alarm or suspicion, and in order that Major McLaughlin might have a perfectly free hand in the management of his wards. But it was fully agreed between him and Colonel Drum that the moment he should not be able to handle the situation with his police force, then the military should take hold.

Meantime an incident had occurred which caused Colonel Drum and McLaughlin intense anxiety for about twenty-four hours. Just in the midst of our suspense, while we were waiting and watching to see what Sitting Bull and his people were going to do, Buffalo Bill (William Cody) arrived on the scene. He was accompanied by a member of the staff of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and one other man. He announced to Colonel Drum that he had come to arrest Sitting Bull and he backed up his announcement by presenting General Miles' visiting card on which that officer, who was at the time the Division Commander with headquarters at Chicago, had written an order directing the commanding officer at Fort Yates to let Colonel Cody have such assistance as he demanded to enable him to make the arrest of Sitting Bull.

It was certainly a very extraordinary order for a division commander to send to one of his post commanders, and it was written and transmitted in a very extraordinary manner; nevertheless it was an order and must be obeyed, unless countermanded by Miles or higher authority.

Personally I do not now believe, and I did not then believe, that Colonel Cody had any intention of attempting to arrest Sitting Bull. I believed then, and still believe, he was merely making