

The following is an excerpt from A Narrative of Indian Trading and Acquaintance with Little Crow by Wamduska (Auguste L. Larpenteur). It is in the form of a letter written by Mr. Larpenteur to Dr. Warren Upham, of the Minnesota Historical Society, and received by him on July 10, 1915. In the A.L. Larpenteur Papers, Manuscript Division, Minnesota Historical Society Library.

---In looking over the Pioneer Press one morning some years ago - I noticed that Major Mc Glouching (sic) was at the Merchant's Hotel with a delegation of Sioux Indians on their way to Washington with Sitting Bull at their Head. I told my Wife, She was alive at that time to Hurrah with my breakfast I wish to see the Major before he got away. I hurriedly Eat my breakfast, and reached the Hotel in good time, Saw the Major, Smoked a Cigar together, and was about leaving when he said to Me, Would you not like to see Sitting Bull. I told him I certainly would. So he invited me to go with him, up to the Room in which the delegation were, so we went up into their Room - Upon Entering Major McGloughlan(sic) Say to Sitting Bull- allow me to Introduce you, to my friend Wamduska -"

Coming toward me He Said "Wamduska do e nee Watche a ku, Snee, tu kah Sno che a Nee cha za ti in, Dookta Dakota onzee oun ---"

"Wamduska I have never seen you before but I know you. Your Name is known wherever there be a Dakota Indian. - " had we had such men as you and Gen'l H. H. Sibley, to deal with, we never would have had any trouble with the United States Government.