

we had been in the country and they were sure that we were their friend.

The Chief told me in their words, he said: " We all see that they day is coming, when the Buffalo will all be ~~gone~~ killed, and we shall have nothing to live on, and then you will come into our camp and see the poor Blackfeet starving. ~~It~~ I know that the heart of the white soldier will be very sorry for us, and they will tell the Great Mother, who will not let her children starve." He said, " We are getting shot in, the Crees are coming into our country from the north, and the white men from the south and east and they are all destroying our means of living, but will, altho we plainly see these days coming we will not join the Sioux against the whites but we will depend upon you to help us."

The Chief then told ~~them~~ me, that the Blackfeet had told him to tell me, that as we were willing to help them, in case the Sioux attacked them, that they would in case of being attacked, send two thousand war warriors against the Sioux.

I thanked them for their offer and told them I would inform ~~them~~ you of all they had told me, or that, ~~as~~ as long as they were quiet and peaceable they would always find us as their friends willing to do ~~any~~ ~~anything~~ everything for their good.

They expressed ~~the~~ great satisfaction at all I had told them, and promised to do nothing without letting me first know, ~~and~~ ~~ask~~ and ask asking our advice.- I distributed some tobacco among them, and told them to let us know of any movements of the Sioux to the north.

I left them on Friday last camped altogether about thirty miles ~~at~~ above the mouth of Red Deer River.

I brought the prisoner with me without any trouble, I arrived here this day.

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