

where I was provided with a good supper, consisting of boiled buffalo tongue, a kind of fried cake and coffee. My horse, too, was cared for by some of the Gall's followers. I stayed in the camp three days, during which time I was not favored with an audience with Sitting Bull, who chose to ignore my presence in the camp. But I accomplished much during this first visit to the hostiles. I kindled in their minds, a desire to go back to their old huntingground, by contrasting, most unfavorably, their condition as fugatives in a strange land, with that of their friends, living peacefully in their own country, under the protection of the U. S. Government. I fully succeeded in / ²⁶ pursuading Chief Gall to come in and surrender with his entire following, which was nearly two-thirds of the whole tribe, and he sealed the compact by presenting me with a fine horse, and when I started on my return, he accompanied me for nearly twenty miles, and when we finally parted, he promised to meet me on the Missouri River, with all his following and their families, in twenty-two days. I considered the work well begun, with great promise of ultimate success, and hastened back to Fort Buford, where I submitted an official report to Major Brotherton, who I found in a very unhappy mood, occasioned by a communication from Department Headquarters.

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CHAPTER III

Major Brotherton rebuked; In response to a call from Gen. Carlin, I abandon the work, and start for Standing Rock but return to Duford, in compliance with a dispatch from Department Headquarters.

After Major Brotherton had sent me to the hostile camp, he reported his action to General Terry, Department Commander, and had received a reprimand for sending a man on so important a mission, without first consulting higher authority, making it impossible for Major Brotherton to act any further in the premises. He told me, however, that he would telegraph my report to Gen. Terry, who, he thought, would order the work continued. But I had found two telegrams and a letter, on