my return to Buford, from Gen. Wm. P. Carlin, who was in command of the Military

Post, near Standing Rock Agency, Dak., requesting me to come to him, as he was in

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/ great need of my services. I was in a quandry. My mind was filled with conflicting

emotions. I felt somewhat piqued at General Terry's needless interference, yet I

wanted to go on with the work. On the other hand, General Carlin, whom I esteemed

more than anyone I knew, and to whom I felt under obligations, having been Interpreter

for him for five years, was in need of my services, and again, there was my

agreement to meet Chief Gall. My course was determined by the arrival of the Steam-

boat Batchelor, on its way down the Missouri. Here was an opportunity to go to

Bismarck, within fifty-five miles of Gen. Carlin's Post, and I took passage; greatly

to the disappointment of Jamor Brotherton, who begged me to stay, at least till he

could wire my report to Gen. Terry.

There was a telegraph line between Buford and Bismarck, with a station

at Fort Stevenson, at which place I was met by a Messenger with a telegram from

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Major Brotherton, notifying/me to look out for a telegram from Gen. Terry, in

Bismarck. Landing at Bismarck, I found the following telegram awaiting me.

Headquarters Department, of Dakota

Fort Snelling, Minn., Oct. 16, 1880.

Mr. E. H. Allison, Bismarck, Dak. Await in Bismarck further orders from this

office. A. H. TERRY,
Brig. Gen. Com'dg. Dept. of Dak.

There was a Military telegraph line, connecting Bismarck with Standing Rock,

by which I wired Gen. Carlin a brief statement of the work begun, and Gen. Terry's

telegram, and submitted the matter to him, for his decision, as to what I should do.

He wired me "That however much he needed my services, the interests of the government

would be best served, if I could effect the surrender of Sitting Bull, and advised

me to place myself under Gen. Terry's orders. I accordingly waited further orders

from Department Headquarters, which in consequence of the wires being down, east of