

In addition to being government farmer I was superintendent of patrol on the Standing Rock reservation in 1883. It was reported that spring that white buffalo hunters were trespassing on the reservation, killing buffaloes for their hides and leaving the meat to spoil. I began at once to patrol the reservation with the police. The country between Cannon Ball and Grand Rivers was patrolled by police from Standing Rock Agency. That south of Grand river was patrolled by police from Cheyenne River Agency.

The police arrested a few white trespassers, among whom was a party of six hunters. The government confiscated their horses, wagons, and other equipment brought to the agency. Although the offenders were prosecuted, their cases were postponed from one term of court to another until, for some reason or other, they were dismissed.

It was reported in June that the Rees, Gros Ventres, and Mandans from Fort Berthold were also trespassing on the reservation. Major James McLaughlin, agent at Standing Rock, directed me to arrest the trespassers and bring them into the agency.

It was supposed at that time that only a few Indians were trespassing. My police sergeant was Shavehead, a fearless man, who was afterwards killed in arresting Sitting Bull. Using an Indian expression meaning "brave men with hearts of men and not the hearts of women," I ordered him to select ten men, including himself, and go with me to arrest the trespassers. Shavehead, together with the other policemen, reported to me the following morning, after which we went forth to arrest the trespassers.

We went into camp the third morning after starting, I directed the police to reconnoiter and locate the hunters. They returned that afternoon and reported they had seen a large camp of them with much meat hanging out to dry. I asked for an estimate of the number of their warriors. The police said the lodges indicated they had over 100 warriors.

We broke camp that afternoon and moved to within about eight or ten miles of the hunters' camp. I then told our police we would hold a council, at which I addressed them as follows: "You have wives and children dependent upon you. I have neither wife