

the military garrisons at Fort Phil Kearney, Fort C. F. Smith and Fort Reno were withdrawn the war on his part would cease. The commissioners sent word back to him asking him for a truce until a council could be held. Red Cloud sent word to them that he would meet them the next spring or summer.

Early in the spring of 1868 the commissioners returned to Fort Laramie, and by the 29th of April had negotiated a treaty which they believed would be acceptable to all of the hostiles. This is known as the ~~treaty of Laramie, the~~ full text of which appears as appendix "D", page 454 of Volume I of the South Dakota collections. In brief, it provides in the first article for a permanent peace between the United States and all of the signatory tribes. It provides for the punishment in regular manner of all whites who shall commit wrongs or depredations upon the Indians, and the Indians on their part agreed to deliver up to the United States any offenders among them for trial. It sets apart the great Sioux reservation from the north line of the state of Nebraska to the 46th parallel, bounded on the east by the Missouri River, to the 104th degree of longitude on the west; that is, in effect, the entire portion of South Dakota west of the Missouri River, and the article creating this reservation contains this clause: "and the same is set apart fro the absolute and undistrubed use and occupation of the Indians herein named." The United States agrees to construct ³³⁴ at its own expense at some place on the Missouri River near the / center of said reservation, where timber and water may be convenient, a complete outfit of agency buildings, to include warehouses, store rooms, residences for the agent, physician, carpenter, farmer, blacksmith, miller and engineer, and school house and mission building; a good steam circular sawmill, a grist mill and shingle mill; and to provide agent, officers and employes as shall be necessary. Any Indian who desires to settle down to farming is permitted to select 320 acres of land if he be the head of a family, and if not the head of a family he may select eighty acres of land, which shall be patented to him after three years' residence, and after receiving

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