

Red Cloud

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Dear Mr Campbell:

Thanks for your letter. I did not feel equal to presenting evidence in detail in opposition to some of Mr Hyde's statements, though I am inclined to think that you or Dr Eastman could do so effectively, in certain cases. Re-reading the Doctor's story of Spotted Tail, in "Indian Heroes and Great Chieftains," I find him giving the friendly chief high praise with only reasonable and incidental criticism- and by no means "making him out a toad," in Hyde's words. Since he knew Red Cloud well and often talked with him at length, I would value his account of Red Cloud's boyhood above Hyde's -- it is possible, however, that for "father" we should say "uncle," if the father actually died in 1825. What I have written about the book is in the way of general comment, as you will see. I hope that you, too, will review it and let me see what you write.

I am also enclosing a clipping from today's paper on the Custer fight, which appears to contain some misstatements. You may be interested to see it.

*Yours sincerely,
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