

Council held June 2nd 1877, at the Teton or Sitting Bull's Camp.

Present:-Lieut-Col. Irvine, Inspector Walsh, Sub-Inspector Clark and Sub-Inspector Allen.

Sitting Bull had around him Pretty Bear, Bear's Cap, The Eagle sitting down, Spotted Eagle, Sweet Bird, Miracóngae, &c., &c.; and in the Council Lodge there must have been some hundred men, women and children.

Inspector Walsh informed Sitting Bull and the Chiefs that Lieut-Col. Irvine was the highest chief of the Great Mother at present in the country, and that he had now come to their camp to hear what they had to say to him, and to learn for what purpose the three Americans who at present were in the camp had come from American to Canadian territory to their camp.

Sitting Bull:- These Americans are not going to stay.

Insp. Walsh:-The Chief will speak about that afterwards.

Pretty Bear, who is a chief, not a soldier now, opened the council with the following prayer:-God Almighty look down on me. Look on me my grandfather (meaning grandfather's spirit)-(here all the chiefs and soldiers held their hands aloft.) My grandfather look on me; see the course I am going to raise after this war (hands up again). Look on me, I am nothing now; have pity on me (hands up and grunts). My grandfather, you raised me to eat buffalo meat to be strong; I am nothing now. (Here, Pretty Bear, points to the great peace pipe, which he holds aloft all through the prayer). To the south, thunder, war, is my relation; west, they want me to be friends; north they want me to be friends; east-(Interpreter could not catch what he said with reference to the east). My Mother, ~~make this land to be full of~~ take the pipe. Understand, my Mother, we are going to be raised in this ground; take hold of this pipe strong. My Mother wants me to smoke; we will all smoke. My Mother, make this land to be full of plenty, and the land good (Peace). We are going to make, and raise, and finish. I hope that they will never fail. I am going to light the pipe straight (with truth). ~~There that they will never~~

The pipe is here lighted with buffalo chip a match being refused, the match being considered to be deception. Sitting Bull taking the pipe pointed it to the four quarters, and handed it to the Great Chief, holding the end himself and saying: "My grandfather have pity on me; we are going to be raised with a new people." All the officers smoked and also the others of the party. This is their strongest oath.

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*Don't only say that - This is all I can say no ill intent.*

SB-I don't know anything that I can say any other way; and my God Almighty we are going to raise another people, and that is what I am going to speak about. We are going to raise in the North with the British. God Almighty has raised us, and God Almighty says that we are going to raise with the British without throwing away anything (Honestly). I came here to hunt nothing bad. My grandfather said we must shake hands with ~~the British; grandfather said~~ anything that is bad I came here to let my Mother know it. My grandfather made us shake hands with the Long Knives (Americans), and we have done it since ~~in~~ ~~were~~ was in my mother's womb; I was in my mother's womb 10 ~~months~~ moons. I have been looking all the time south-something bad happened there. God Almighty raised me there. ~~Strong~~. All the rivers run down to our Mother's and He sees it. The heads of all creeks the Americans have nothing to do with. My grandfather raised me in a long blanket; God Almighty ~~raised~~ me in four parts of a blanket strong. My grandfather said he would raise me with a big body and heart; my heart was good. The Americans always ran behind me, that is the reason I came this way. God Almighty our father said the Long Knives would raise me ~~and~~ and then fight me; God Almighty stopped him, so the Americans have buffalo trade. Our grandfather said what the ground produced raised me and you. The Americans gave us flour in every direction; I said hold on we w