

want Ball's meat. God Almighty. My grandfather, if I had done what the Americans told me I would have been no one today. All the women were going to raise children. If we had remained with the Americans we would have been nothing.

I came to see the English, where we are going to raise a new life. There are still some of us behind yet. On the American side I saw they were running us in every direction. That is the reason I came to see you. When I left the other side, my grandfather told me that this was the place to come to. The Americans gave us flour - no powder and ball. I saw we were all going to be destroyed. My grandfather will shake hands with us. We had always powder and ball. I am here a good many days, but have seen none yet. The buffalo are around us. I am here with my children looking towards the fort (Walsh). My comrades, we are the same now - help one another. I am glad. Anything I can do I will ask you (Walsh) for help. You told me if anyone came into camp "let me know". Some Americans came. I did let you know that the war on the other side did not send me. I crossed here to let my Mother know it. God Almighty told me. God Almighty makes horses. He raised me on a horseback. Now I see it. The Americans did not teach me to get on a horse. I know it. When I had plenty of horses, the Americans wanted all my horses, that is the reason I came to let you know it. The Americans who came here asked for my gun and horse, and then they would take care of me well. I then told my young men to tell you (Walsh). They camped close to the Yanktons; the Yanktons sent to let me know. God raised me with a good heart, then the Americans treated me bad. They asked for my arms, and I came to let my Grandmother know it.

The Americans who came here asked me if I threw our land away. I told him God did not tell me to. "Grass Horse" is still holding it. He is looking at me to see if it is still here. I am through.

Sweet Bird (Mississauga):- The Black Hills is the heart of the people; for forty years I was there. I listen to the Grandmother's advice what she says. Anything wrong I put aside. I came here with a good heart. I came here to see the Mother, to the White Mother's trader who reads and writes, where there is plenty of ball and powder. The Americans, it's only them they did anything wrong with me. Since we came, some Americans came behind us to see where we are. My Mother, what she thinks and says I have come to listen to.

SCOTTED EAGLE (Senneca):- God Almighty raised me, I am going to talk a little. I was raised on the American side. The Americans was us every way. Our land on the other side I did not give away. What these Americans wanted us to do, I did not know what to do. My grandfather raised me with a buffalo robe. God told me so, and that is what I want. From here to the sea the streams go. How many do you thought I did

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not know. God raised you and me, and what I have I keep it. My grandfather makes me think about it. When we shake hands thus (shakes hands), we trade. That what we came to do.

On the other side Americans destroyed all the trading posts. God told me to trade robes. The Americans destroyed what the ground raised (what the grass). I came to this country. The American God Almighty told me there was a trader north, and I came to see him. I came to shake hands with him who shakes hands with me first. When I came here to shake hands with the English, the Americans came followed me to shake hands. I don't want that. What the Americans do won't raise me and children.