

All my relations and friends the Americans are running every way. I came to tell my Mother they try to do all bad to me. I have nothing bad towards them. God hears me what I say. I came to hunt nothing bad, but what is good and to raise my family. The Americans who use us so bad had come after us, so we sent you, and thought you could bring them in here before us. I saw the ~~x~~ road (the boundary line), and I sent to tell you I was here.

LIEUT./COL. IRVINE:- You are in the Queen's ~~xx~~ the Great Mother's country. Major Walsh had explained the law of the land which belongs to the Great White Mother. As long as you remain in the land of the Great White Mother, you must obey her laws. As long as you behave yourselves you have nothing to fear. The Great White Mother, the Queen, takes care of everyone in her land in every part of the world.

Now that you are in the Queen's land you must not cross the line to fight the Americans and return to this country. We will allow you enough ammunition to hunt buffalo for food, but not one round of that ammunition is to be used against White men or Indians.

In the Queen's land we all live like one family. If a White man or Indian does wrong he is punished. The Queen's arm is very strong and if any of her children do wrong she will get them and punish them. If anyone comes into your camp like these Americans did, come to the Fort and tell Major Walsh. You are white right, and I am glad you did send your young men to tell Major Walsh about these men. As soon as your young men arrived at the Fort we started, and I came here to see you and shake hands. I will go to see those Americans and find out what they are doing here, and will take them out of the camp with me. I am glad you are looking for peace and behaving yourselves here. We will protect you against all harm, and you must not hurt anyone this side of the line. You were quite right not to hurt the Americans who came here and to send to Major Walsh. You need not be harmed. The Americans cannot cross the line after you. You and your families can sleep sound and need not be afraid.

S.B. then repeated what the Roman Catholic Priest had said to him before we arrived.

THE PRIEST:- "I come with the words of God. I have been waiting a long time. I am going to say a few words and go. I did not come here for anything bad. I want you to live, that is why I came here, that is what God told me to come and tell you. The English, may be, won't have you. What I tell you, if you listen to me, will be well. If you come ~~to surrender~~ with all your people, and the Yanktons, and give up your arms without asking (surrender) the American hearts will be glad. If you come on the other side they may surround you, that no one may run off a horse. If you don't do that that you will live very bad. If you do that you will live well on the other side. You think you are going to live on this side. You will get smaller and smaller and die. If you come on the other side I will try and get a few number of your horses. If you come you will live well; here you won't. Try to do what I tell you. If you live on this side I want to know if you throw your land on the other side away. I give you that (a Roman Catholic medal) for fear that bad White men may do wrong that will raise you up. When White man's child is lost his heart is bad; with that he is raised."

(The " marks stuck in were at the beginning of each line in the book. I put them where they occurred, altho they were not in the middle but at the beginning of each line. J.D)

S.B?/: What am I going there for? For the Americans to come after me again? My God will give me propperity (plenty of beef). I have only two