

the Government under which such frauds are perpetrated.

I think the principal cause of the difficulties which are continually embroiling the American Government in trouble with the Indians, is the manner in which they are treated by the swarms of adventurers who have scattered themselves all over the Indian country in search of minerals before any treaty is made giving them up the title. These men always look upon the Indians as their natural enemies, and it is their rule to shoot at them if they approach after being warned off. I was actually asked the other day by an American who has settled here, if we had the same law here as on the other side, and he was justified in shooting any Indian he approached his camp after being warned not to advance. I am satisfied that such a rule is not necessary in dealing fairly with the worst of Indians, and that in any ~~wrong things~~ ~~cases~~ ~~where~~ ~~the~~ ~~necessity~~ ~~there~~ ~~might~~ ~~be~~ ~~for~~ ~~its~~ ~~adoption~~ ~~arise~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~illegal~~ ~~intrusion~~ ~~and~~ ~~wrong~~ ~~doings~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Whites.~~

I have ~~been~~ instructed Inspector Walsh to endeavor to find out from the Nez Perces who have managed to cross into our ~~western~~ territory, what they have to complain of in the
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treatment of the Americans. X# # XX # 2 # #

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I communicated to the Commissioners the substance of my interview with the Sioux, as far as it related to their position as refugees from the other side. I enclose a copy of my letter, and

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) JAMES F. MACLEOD
Commissioner.

The Honourable DAVID MILLS,
Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa:

The Sitting Bull Commission

Fort Walsh, N.W.T., 17th Oct., 1877.

The Commission met at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following Chiefs were present: Sitting Bull, Bear's Cap, Spotted Eagle, Flying Bird, Whirlwind Bear, Medicine Twinround, Iron Dog, Bears that Scatters, The Crew, Little Knife, and Yellow Dog, and about twelve minor Chiefs.

The Chiefs having taken their seats on the floor in front of the Commissioners' table, requested that all outsiders be excluded from the meeting and the table between them and the Commissioners removed, both of these wishes being acceded to, General Terry then proceeded to read the President's "Message" to them as follows (so far as nearly as the writer could take it down) viz.:-