I warned them that theirs decision affected not only themselves but their children, and that they should think well before it was too late. I told them they must not cross the line with a hostil intent, that if they did they would not only have the Americans for ~~the~~ their enemies, but also the Police and the British Government, and urged upon them to carry my words to their camps and tell all their young men what I had said and warn them of the consequence of disobedience, pointing out to them that a few indiscreet young warriors mightxxxxx involve all in the most serious trouble.

They unanimously adhered to the answer the had given to the Commission, and promised to obey what I had told them.

I do not think there need be the least anxiety about any of these Indians crossing the line, at any rate not for some time to come.

In haste,

Most Respectfully yours,

(Signed,) JAMES F. MACLEOD,
Commissioner.

General A.F.Terry,

General A.G.Lawrence,

Sitting Bull Commission,

Fort Walsh.

FORT WALSH, 17th October, 1877.

Interview between Lieut.-Col. J.F.Macleod, C.M.G.Commissioner of N.W.M.P., and Sittigg Bull and other Chiefs of the Sioux Nations

LIEUT.-COL. McLeod said:-Itold you the other day that Major Walsh was sent to ask you to come and meet the United States Commissioners. I have asked you to come and meet the Commissioners and hear what they had to say to you. I am glad that you have requested come as requested. I told you when you had heard what the Com. had to say you would know what answer to give them. I told you that no force or influence would sbe used as as to what answer you should give them. To-day you have heard what the Com. had to say, and you have given them your answer, I wish to tell you that this is of greatest importance to you. I hope you have all thought weel over it before giving it. I wish to tell you that the Queen recognizes you all as American Indians, that she recognizes you all as Indians who have come to our side of the line for protection. The answer you have given the United States Com. to-day prevents your ever going back to

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the United States with arms and ammunition in your possession. It is out duty to prevent you from doing this. I wish to tell you that if any of you or your young men cross the line with arms in your hands that then we become your enemies as well as the Americans. * * * * * * *

* * I wish youto know that this will only be the case if you cross the line with the intention of not behaving yourselves. As long as you be have yourselves the Queen's Government will not drive you out. You must remember that you will have to live by the buffalo on this side of the line, and that the buffalo will not ~~last forever~~. In a very few years they will all be killed. I only hope you have thought well on the