

After SB failed to get the consent of the Indians to the treaty the Government pretended to keep the invaders out through the military forces. Just pretended. 74

McLaughlin was one of the best agents they had according to the Indians' way of looking at it. This one thing he had against SB continually and which finally ended like it did was something that always hung fire afterwards. The Indians didn't feel right to McLaughlin after that. He could have taken other methods. McLaughlin's way of talking in angry tones was enough for SB to disrespect him because SB considered himself a chief. While he didn't have more authority he had influence with the Indians. The Indians were encouraged to tell falsehoods about SB because the agent didn't like him. SB was considered a disturber which was not true. He tried to use his influence in the right way, but he was rather slow in adopting the policies of the agent. SB was a thinker and didn't take anything up until he thought it was good. He was for the Indians and was for protecting their rights. The Indians to this day blame the chiefs who were so willing to sign any treaty that was sent out. Even John Grass is sometimes considered to be the white man's tool but SB was not. He was never known to betray the tribe. If McLaughlin had used SB in the way he should have used him as a chief and not have listened so much to reports this would never have happened. McLaughlin was an agent who went about a good deal among the Indians. He meant to be ^{friendly} ~~kind~~ and good to the Indians but he had others working under him. Another thing against McLaughlin. SB was originally a Huncpapa. Instead of treating ~~to~~ him as he should McLaughlin listened to the Santees and scorned the hostiles. These Santees were mostly McLaughlin's wife's relatives. As soon as McLaughlin got into power they had a chance to come on. SB was particularly dissatisfied with this. In fact the whole tribe. While McLaughlin was the agent they dared not say anything about this but it was one of the main things the tribe felt shouldn't have been done. SB and McLaughlin were probably friendly at first.

In his surrender it was understood that he would come back to Standing Rock where the rest of the band were living.

Some of SB's band remain in Canada to this day. Before the allotments were