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June 5. - Arrived at Fort Berthold. The Mandans and Gros Ventres live together at this place, in a village built principally of dirt lodges, with now and then a $\log$ cabin, well built, with direplaces and chimneys, after the western style. They received their goods with much satisfaction, in velue 8,418 82.

These are a good people; peaceable, reliable, und honest. They cultivate corn, pumpins, beans, 80 . , producing more than they consure. This is done with the hoe. They know nothing of the use of the plough, and reauest that the government assist them in ploughing and fencing and in building houses. They desire a school, also, for the instruction of their little ones. They have many complaints to make acainst the Sioux; were still in mourning for their chief, Four Eears, killed, as before stated, by a Yncton Sioux. They live in constant dread of the Sioux; are very ppor, fron the fact that the Sioux steal their horses; and frequently their crops, when raised; without horses they cannot pursue the buffalo, Fnd such is their fear of the Sioux that they will scarcely venture out far enough to procure meat sufficient for their families. They pleaded with me to procure a military force to drive those Sioux from their country, and to stand between them, as they were liable at any time to be exteminated. They keep as far as it is possible the treaty made at Laramie, and desire to make a new treaty with the eovernment, and vill do anything that the govermment require of them; and I do commend this people, as also the Arickarees, to the special consideration of the department.

Same day (June 5) we passed to the opposite side of the river, where the
Rees are building, upon a beautiful slope overlooking the river, their new
Whllage, quite convenient to a fine body of timber. They were so harassed by the foux at their old village, (Fort Clark,) some eighty miles below, that they were Orced to abandon it; also their corn patches, which they had tilled for many years, for new ones, seratched among the weeds and bushes in the bottom at their pregent place with hoes. Theiwvillage is built principally of dirt lodgea;

