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because of their adherence to their treaty stipulations, they have made themselves obnoxious to the Sioux, and are in extreme danger. Many of them dare not resort to their common hunting grounds, and are hence deprived of their usual supplies, and must suffer much for want of food. These tribes all unite in an earnest appeal for that protection to which, under their treaties, they are entitled, and I am not without apprehension that, in case protection is much longer withheld, they may be compelled, in order to save their lives, to repudiate their allegiance to the United States, as, under similar circumstances, some of our citizens have been compelled to do in other parts of the country. (Civil War)

Governor Jayne, who is ex officio superintendent of Indian affairs for the Territory, all our agents, all the friendly tribes, and all the Sioux who remain friendly, unite in representing the danger of hostilities in the spring. Being thus warned, from so many sources, of the impending danger, I trust that the necessary measures will be taken to avert from Dakota the enactment of such bloody scenes as have recently been witnessed in the neighboring State of Minnesota; and am the more solicitous that ample and seasonable preparations may be made to meet the danger because I believe by such preparation the probability is that hostilities will be prevented, and our authority over the hostile Indians of Dakota re-established without a resort to actual force.