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all the outrages which have been committed on the plains since February. In these views I am fully corroborated by Agent Patrick, who is now at Fort Laramie, and thoroughly conversant with all these facts. I respectfully refer you to his letter of September 20, herewith forwarded, and to which the attention of the department is respectfully directed. If the great body of the Upper Platte Sioux, now disposed in good faith to observe their treaty stipulations, can be subsisted, or so far aided in obtaining the necessaries of life that they will not be compelled to resort to the country now infested by the Bad Faces, in order to escape starvation, I fully believe that a general Indian war upon the plains may be averted.

Agent Patrick telegraphs this office that one hundred and eighty lodges of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are coming into Fort Laramie for the purpose of securing peace. This is in accordance with an arrangement agreed upon between the peace commissioners at Fort Laramie, in June last, and the representatives of those tribes who were then present, but not in sufficient numbers, in the opinion of the commissioners, to justify the conclusion of a treaty with them. Agent Patrick asks for the necessary means to subsist these Indians, who are coming for the purpose of signing treaties left with Colonel Maynadier for their signature, in the event of their arrival previous to November 1, as will be seen by reference to the official report of the proceedings of the peace commission on file in the department. I trust that, if practicable, subsistence may be afforded them. It is impossible for them to remain long in the vicinity of Fort Laramie unless subsistence be furnished them by the government.

I have stated thus in detail the material facts connected with the Fort Laramie treaty, and the previous and subsequent conduct of