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he is urged to improve, for he knows not how long he may be permitted to enjoy it. Should it be in a region of remarkable fertility, or in a country abounding in rich mineral ores, it may be wanted for the white man's occupancy or use. The plea of "manifest destiny" is paramount and the Indian must give way, though it be at the sacrifice of what may be as dear as life. If the incentives to build up for himself and family a pleasant home are not provided by his condition and prospects, he becomes discontented or indifferent as to his future welfare, and if he does not really retrograde / ² makes no advance. Evidently the remedy for these evils lies in securing to the Indians a permanent home in a country exclusively set apart for them, upon which no whites or citizens, except government agents and employes, shall be permitted to reside or intrude; in the granting to them allotments of land as individual property, to cultivate and improve; in the appointment of moral, honest, and efficient agents, with a fair compensation for services; and in the prompt fulfilment by the government of its treaty and other obligations, furnishing the necessary aid required for teaching, and placing them in the way of becoming self-sustaining and eventually independent of the government.

With other tribes, however, noted for their warlike disposition and wandering habits, an unfortunate state of things has prevailed during the past year or more. A spirit of hostility has been strongly manifested against the government and its citizens, arising from alleged injustice or wrongs practiced towards them, or incited by the desire or rapine and love of war. Doubtless causes existed which naturally engendered dissatisfaction, distrust, and purposes of retaliation. It may not be asserted that they have not had some good and just grounds of complain. Without undertaking to refute the charges against them, of what it is believed they are not guilty, nor to defend or palliate in any degree the atrocious acts they did commit, it will only be the purpose of this office, at present, to set before the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, in this report, such a general statement of facts, ascertained and communicated by authorized agents of both the military and civil branches of the