

General Flint, and Red Cloud informed that he would find it there when he had made up his mind to have the post at Raw Hide.

Our parting from the Indians (including the Cheyennes and Minneconjous) was kindly, and we were quite satisfied with the tone and temper evinced by them, and have every reason to believe that they intend to keep the peace to which they have pledged themselves.

That we may hear of an occasional robbery of stock, or some murder committed by "the Indians," is to be expected. It would be unreasonable to expect that Red Cloud can maintain among his savage followers a degree of virtue and exemption from criminality more absolute than the authorities are able to secure in our most enlightened communities.

On the morning of the 7th the commissioners met, by previous appointment, Medicine Man, Dull Knife, and other chiefs of the Northern Cheyennes. Medicine Snow and a number of Southern Cheyennes were also present. We found that our interpreter did not sufficiently understand the language, and the attempt to communicate with them by means of a Sioux, who could speak it imperfectly, was very unsatisfactory.

The Cheyennes claim to desire peace, and they say they will do no wrong to the whites. They prefer to remain in the Ogallalla country, and, as Red Cloud said he was willing, we told them they might either remain there or go to the Southern Cheyenne reservation, but must choose one or the other and not go back and forth. They also wanted ammunition, and were told they must be at peace a long time first, and then we would ask it for them. So far as we can judge it is the intention of the Cheyennes to have peace. We gave them some presents and rations to confirm their good intentions.

Roman Nose, Whistling Elk Walking, Little Bull, and the other Minneconjou chiefs were told that no presents were sent to them, because their agency is on the Missouri and they must go there for their presents. They should have rations while here and some to last to their hunting grounds. They seemed to consider this satisfactory and are well disposed. They were brought to meet the commissioners by Red Cloud, and will, we think, with him, remain peaceable. Duplicate receipts for the annuity goods were signed by the chiefs of the Ogallallas and are herewith inclosed.

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