

attached themselves to, Sitting Bull, we have no means of knowing; and it was impossible, from the reports received, to segregate the Tetons from the aggregate. We have advices from the Indians, as well as from parties from the Platte River, that from the Red Cloud agency alone there were in the Powder River country, under Black Twin, Red Hown, Red Shirt, Greasy Horse, and Sorrel Horse, three thousand Sioux, and under other chiefs about four thousand Cheyennes and Arapahoes. What numbers are there from other agencies we have no information, but the Indians with whom we have talked have much to say about being charged with mischief to the whites which was the work of the Sioux, from the agencies farther south. It was not practicable for us to visit Sitting Bull's camp in person, not knowing his location, and being entirely without escort and transportation. Otherwise we might have presented a more satisfactory report of his people. We have simply to give the figures we were able to gather from the various sources named. There were present at our council several of Sitting Bull's chiefs, including Techauke, his brother-in-law. He is a fine-looking but rather quiet and modest man. He said nothing in council, but we had many private talks with him, and gleaned a tolerable idea of Sitting Bull's character. Techauke says when he left Sitting Bull's camp, the latter told him "to go, and whenever he found a white man who would tell the truth, to return, and he would go to see him." Techauke did not tell us whether his search had been successful, but he seemed to have gained confidence in the whites, and to be well satisfied that we were able and willing to perform all that we promised. He said that Sitting Bull did not start out this season to commit any depredations on the whites, but only to fight the Crows, and that he will come to the agency at Peck when the "snow flies," to talk peace. If he does make peace, we are confident that it will be a lasting one, as he seems to have sufficient influence to control his people, and sufficient courage to afford to act upon his own ideas of what is best, regardless of the actions of his braves. If such a peace is made, it is not improbable that Sitting Bull will be the Red Dog of the Upper Missouri.

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