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certainly have charity enough to be patient, if they knew the work of reconstruction was radical and certain, and a prospect of relief in the future.

When I arrived at this agency, I found Crazy Horse and his band, consisting of about 1,100 people, encamped two miles north of the agency; he has in his band Little Big Man, and several other noted chiefs. Crazy Horse manifests a sullen, morose disposition; evidently a man of small capacity, brought into notoriety by his stubborn will and brute courage. His dictatorial manners, and disregard for the comfort of his people, have caused dissatisfaction among them, and his want of truthfulness with the military department has rendered him unpopular with the leading men of his band, who have drawn off from him, and say they are determined to carry out their promise with General Crook, and their original intention to obey orders and keep the peace. All the other Sioux bands are doing well, and it seems hardly possible that they will ever take up arms again.

About 1,100 Arapahoes under Black Coal are attached to this agency, and camped in the neighborhood; they are most thoroughly subjugated, peaceable, and obedient to every order; they will submit to almost anything rather than go to their southern agency, believing they will all die in a few years in that miasmatic country.

Regretting the limited opportunity for making a more full and complete report, I am,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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