

I want you to talk wisely.

Q. Do you want to talk for the Indians?

The Indians consult together and the interpreter said that John Glassⁿ wanted the council postponed until the next day, as some of the chiefs lived a great way off, and he would like to have them present.

The Chariman. Tell them we would like to hear what they have to say first.

Black Bull hands some papers to the chairman and asks him to read them.

Q. (To the interpreter). Ask them if they have been making an agreement with the Great Father to have their land separate from the other Indians of the Sioux Nation. (No answer.) Ask them if there is anybody /⁶² in this room who has made such an agreement with the Great Father. (Still no answer.) Don't some of these Indians want to say something to the committee? (The interpreter explained to the committee that if a few Indians should talk with the committee in the absence of some of the others they would be accused of bad faith.)

Q. Ask them if they want us to go back and tell the Great Father they are not willing to talk with us?

GALL.

Gall spoke as follows: None of us refused to talk with you, but we have a great many people who want to hear what you say to us, and what we say to you, who have not come in yet. We thought you would stay here two or three days, and we want to ask you to put the council off until to-morrow morning.

The Chariman (to the interpreter). Well, tell the Indians to be here to-morrow morning, and be ready to tell us what they want. We want them to talk it over among themselves, and then tell us everything they want us to carry back to Washington. If they have any grievances we want them to tell us all about them, and we will carry it all back to Washington just as they tell it.

Gall. We have come a great way, and at short notice, and we want you gentlemen to tell the agent to give us something to eat.

The Chairman. The Agent, I suppose, will attend to that.
