

(At this point several Indians remarked they were anxious to say a great many things to the committee, but that the other Indians occupied the floor, and when they got up to talk the others left the room, and, of course, they had to go too.)

The Chairman. We understand that the Indians who have come together here feel as if they had not an opportunity to talk with the committee, and that the reason they did not have an opportunity ~~to talk with the committee, and that the reason~~ was because Sitting Bull told the Indians to leave the room, and if you are under the influence of Sitting Bull and are going to talk or leave the room just as Sitting Bull directs we do not want to have any further talk with you. We have not come here to get anything out of you; we have come to try and help you. We want a plan, fair talk with you, and we want you to tell us just what you want us to do for you. But we do not want to talk with such men as Sitting Bull, who makes war upon the Government. If any of you want to say anything to the committee we will be glad to hear you now. Who will talk for you?

GOOD BEAR.

Good Bear. I am a man who is a close observer of the suffering and wants of my people, and therefore when men of influence come amongst us, if I talk with such men I only talk of such things that will make them have pity upon me and my people, so they will help us. I was born and raised in this country. We are told that you are strong / <sup>73</sup> men, men of influence, and are next to the Great Father at Washington, and that you are the inspectors of all the public business. This is a nice bright day, and I hope my words will be as nice as the day, and that I shall only ask you for things that I need. (To the interpreter:) You have been with us for a good while and know our needs, and therefore I want you to tell as well as the agent, who is living with us, and whom you know. I want you to tell everything straight and correctly as I say it. You have been with us, as I have said, a long while, and know us well, and you have known me for a long while, and you know that I have never asked for anything before in a council; but of late I have made up my mind to have whatever the Government owes me and I will have my share of it. (To the committee:) I have been anxiously waiting for some benefit from the Government, and I want the Government