

to pay us what it owes us, and therefore I have not taken a strip off of my reservation
and given it to the Great Father, because he already owes us money for land he has
taken from us before. I came here for no other purpose in the world but to tell you
what I need, and anything that is of hindrance to me I will throw it away, and I hope
the Government will do something for my people. There are a great many Indians who
have told me to say many things and I told them to talk for themselves.

The Chairman. If any other Indian desires to say anything he can do so now.

MAD BEAR.

Mad Bear. I am very well pleased with you men and I have great confidence in
you, for the reason that you have conducted yourselves so well, Before this time men
came here and told us they would look after our interests, but they have always talked
to us secretly and not openly; but I am pleased with the way you are doing. Of course
I will talk plainly and directly to the point. Some time ago a white man came here
and said he was instructed and was sent to look after our interests and to ask us
questions, and not one thing he told us ever came to pass. He told us, in the first
place, that the Great Father hired him and kept him especially to look after the
interests of the Indians, and that is what the Government hired and paid him for; and
he told us we were paupers and beggars because we asked for what the Government owed
us.

Mr. Logan. What was his name?

Mad Bear. Colonel Benedict. In the council at Fort Rice the Great Father's
people made us a great many promises. They said that every one of our families who
would keep house and teach their women to attend to things about the house should have
a yoke of cattle and a cow and harness, and that they should also have a breaking plow
and stirring plow; and that each one should have a house with two rooms in it. In one
of these rooms there should be a cooking-stove and in the other a heating stove. My
friends, we want you to take great pity upon us and look after our interests. I want
to tell you in the beginning that all of us came from one woman and one man - white
men and Indians both. We are all brothers, but we are Indians and you are white men;
we are poor and you have become very rich. Therefore we beg you to look upon us with