

and advised me to live as you do, and it is not right for me to live in poverty. I asked the Great Father for hogs, male and female, and for male and female sheep for my children to raise from. I did not leave out anything in the way of animals that the white men have; I asked for every one of them. I want you to tell the Great Father to send me some agricultural implements, so that I will not be obliged to work bare-handed. Whatever he sends to this agency our agent will take care of for us, and we will be satisfied because we know he will keep everything right. Whatever is sent here for us he will be pleased to take care of for us. I want to tell you that our rations have been reduced to almost nothing, and many of the people have starved to death. / ⁸¹ Now I beg of you to have the amount of rations increased so that our children will not starve, but will live better than they do now. I want clothing too, and I will ask for that too. We want all kinds of clothing for our people. Look at the men around here and see how poorly dressed they are. We want some clothing this month, and when it gets cold we want more of it to protect us from the weather. That is all I have to say.

Mr. Logan (to the interpreter). I want to say something to that man (pointing to Sitting Bull) before he sits down, and I want you to tell these Indians to listen to all that I will say to him.

Sitting Bull, this committee came here on behalf of the Government, with nothing in view except to ascertain the wants of the Indians, and to inquire into the provisions of the treaty recently made, and whether or not it was satisfactory to the Indians. We invited the Indians to come here to-day for a friendly talk, and they appointed yourself and two others to talk with the committee. When you talked you accused the committee of being drunk, you insulted them; and I understand this is not the first time you have been guilty of an offense of a like kind to a committee of Congress. You said to this committee before insulting them that you were chief of all the people of this country, and that you were appointed chief by the Great Spirit. I want to say to you that you were not appointed by the Great Spirit, nor has any one else been. Appointments are not made in that way. I want to say further