

that you are not a great chief of this country; that you have no following, no power, no control, and no right to any control. You are on an Indian reservation merely at the suff^rance of the Government. You are fed by the Government, clothed by the Government, your children are educated by the Government, and all you have and are today is because of the Government. If it were not for the Government you would be freezing and starving to-day in the mountains. I merely say these things to you to notify you that you cannot insult the people of the United States of America, or its committees. You came here when you were a prisoner, and were told that if you behaved yourself you would be treated well, just as other Indians who behave themselves will be treated. So you will be; but you must not incite these Indians to bad deeds. You must not break up councils; and you have to behave yourself just as any other man; and if you are ever guilty of such a thing again you will be put into the guard-house, and be made to work.

I want to say to these Indians here that this man is not their chief; he has no power; and they must obey the Government and not be governed by the dictates of this man. I want to say further that the Government is willing to be kind to the Indians and take care of them and their children. The Government feeds and clothes and educates your children now, and desires to teach you to become farmers, and to civilize you, and make you as white men; but you have to learn that you are the equals of other men, and no man has a right to break up a council, and insult men who come here to talk with you, and to do you a kindness. And I am glad to say to you that in your presence Sitting Bull, with all his vanity, came before this committee and apologized for the insult he had given them. Now I want to say to you that we came to do you good, and not to do you harm; and to Sitting Bull I want to say that inasmuch as he apologized to the committee we accept his apology, but at the same time notify him that he must never repeat an offense of this character again. That is all I want to say.

The Chairman. Before this council breaks up I want to say that we will carry