

of seeing them, and talking with them; and I am now going to speak a few words. I am doing very well here, and I cannot do as well anywhere else. I appreciate the kindness of the Great Father in feeding and clothing me, and that is plain enough for any man to talk. Everybody must see that we are better clothed and fed here than anywhere else, because all the Indians are crowding in here from every direction; but I want to tell you that every ten months there is an increase in our tribes here of probably ten people, and the Great Father ought to send a little more provisions in proportion to that increase; he ought to send more than he has been sending here. This country here is ours and when we decide on the boundary lines we will mark them down and give them to the agent and he will send them to the Great Father; and I want you to help us to accomplish this in Washington. We want the Great Father to recognize the mixed bloods and half breeds as a part of us, so that they can be allowed to talk in our councils the same as we are. That is all I will say about that. My father always said he would die as soon as he uttered a word of falsehood. The white man made a liar of him by pretending that he threw away the land on the opposite side of the river, and my father died because of it. The Great Father thinks we are mistaken about this land, but I think he is mistaken about it. I am very much pleased to meet you gentlemen here, and when the council breaks up I hope we will all have something to eat and smoke.