

here to-day. We have a mode of making peace different/p.199/from the whites. When we make peace we pray to the Great Spirit. We have no witness, but keep our treaties faithfully, by praying to the Great Spirit."

Then the Chief Indian Commissioner, N. G. Raylor, through the aid of the interpreter, delivered the following:-

"My friends, your Great Grandfather, whose heart is right, has heard of the troubles of his red children on the plains, and he has sent us to you to see what is the matter. (Cries of "Ugh! ugh!") He has heard that there is war, and that blood has been shed. He is opposed to war, and loves peace, and his heart is sad. He has sent all these great white chiefs to ascertain what is wrong.

"You see here the great war chief of old times (General Harney). There is the great warrior (Sherman) who leads all the white soldiers on the plains, and here are other chiefs. Here is a great peace chief (Senator Henderson), who helps to make laws in the great council chamber at Washington, and, last of all, here is your friend who speaks to you now, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the Superintendent of all Indian Agents and Traders. (Loud cries of "Ugh! Helo!")

"If the Great Father did not love you, he would not have sent us to you. We are sent out here to inquire and find out what has been the trouble. We want to hear from your own lips your grievances and complaints.

"My friends, speak fully, speak freely, and speak/p.201/the whole truth. If you have been wronged, we wish to have you righted, and if you have done wrong you will make it right. All that you say we will have written in a book, and will not forget it. We will think it all over, and will then speak our minds to you. War is bad, peace is good. We must choose the good and not the bad. Therefore we are to bury the tomahawk, and live in peace like brothers of one family. (Cries of "Ugh! Haw-ow!") I await what you have to say."