

Department of the Interior

Washington

December 3d, 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 27th ultimo, relative to the status of certain Sioux Indians residing without the bounds of their reservation and their continued hostile attitude towards the whites, I have to request that you direct the Indian Agents at all the Sioux Agencies in Dakota and at Fort Peck, Montana, to notify said Indians that unless they shall remove within the bounds of their reservation, (and remain there), before the 31st of January next, they shall be deemed hostile and treated accordingly by the military force.

Please instruct said Agents to acknowledge the receipt of your order and notify you on the execution of it.

Very respectfully

Your obdt. servt.

E. Chandler,

Secretary.

The Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.