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Standing Rock Agency, D.T.

September 15th, 1883.

Mr. Philip Wells,

Head Farmer and Chief of Indian Police of the Standing Rock Agency, D.T.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to accompany the Indians of this Agency on a Buffalo hunt on the Sioux Indian Reservation. You will remove all trespassers found hunting or trapping on the reservation and prevent the Indians from interfering with any person off the reservation, also prevent them molesting any person found on the reservation as that will be attended to by the Indian Police and yourself. The time allowed is forty days from the 14th inst. and you will see that the Indians are all back at this Agency on or before the 23rd of October, and if any parties wish to leave for home at any time before the main party you will see that they are permitted, ~~xx~~ by the Indian Soldiers, to do so. You will use your best judgement that in all matters and questions that may arise and if necessary communicate with me by courier.

Very Respectfully

James McLaughlin

W.-S. Ind. Agt.

N. B. You will not interfere with the Indians as to their rules of hunting but you must see that no disorderly act is committed, and you will use the police force in the enforcement of order. Running Antelope is appointed Indian leader of the hunt and he will aid you in all matters of this kind. J. Mc