

He is a coward and lacks moral courage he will never lead where there is danger but is an adapt in influencing his ignorant henchmen and followers and there is no knowing what he may direct them to attempt He "Sitting Bull" is bitterly opposed to having any survey made on the Reservation and is continually agitating and fostering opposition to such surveys. Among his followers, who are the more worthless, ignorant, obstinated and non progressive of the Sioux.

He has announced that those who signed the agreement ratifying the act of March 2nd 1889, opening the Sioux reservation will be compelled to accept a small corner to be set apart and subdivided into small tracks for them to settle upon, where they will be obliged to remain and support themselves, but those who have refused to ratify the act or who have ratified will now oppose Surveys, and refuse to accept, allotments, will have all the unoccupied portion of the reservation to hold in common and continue to enjoy their old Indian ways and former freedom and therefore will have to be rationed by the Government for all time to come, and it is not to be greatly wondered at that, among an uneducated and ignorant people he finds supporters & admirers.

He is an Indian unworthy of notice except as a disaffected intriguer who grasps every opportunity to maintain his power and popularity.

He is opposed to every thing of an elevating nature and is the most vain, pompous and untruthfull Indian that I ever knew.

His word is not believed by the more intelligent Indians of this Agency but he has unfortunately a tribal reputation gained by the Generalship of others and is therefore the idol of the disaffected and worthless element of the Sioux. He has been growing bolder and more aggressive through the past year and it undoubtly only a question of time (a few months at the most) untill it will be necessary to remove him from among his people, and I believe that if we can ever tide-over the present craze without removing him from the reservation it will be necessary to deal with him in a summary manner as soon as the survey of the reservation commences. He is such an abject coward that he will not commit any overt act or open offence against himself, but does the intriguing and directs the mischief to be done by his less cunning followers.

In this connection I would respectfully invite attention to your letter of June 18th last - wherein I referred to the character of Sitting Bull and certain others of his supporters and suggested that should their future conduct justify it they should be removed from the Sioux giving the names of Sitting Bull, Circling Bear, Black Bird and Circling Hawk, of this Agency as fit subjects for such discipline and I am forced to believe that to insure peace and promote the welfare of the Sioux people such removal will sooner or later be found necessary.

Sitting Bull is a polygamist libertine, habitual liar, active obstructionist and a great obstacle in the civilization of these people, and he is so totally devoid of any of the nobler traits of character and so wedded to the old Indian ways and superstitions that it is very doubtful if any change for the better will ever come over him at his present age of 56 years he has been the disturbing element since his return from confinement as a Military prisoner in the spring of 1883 but has been growing gradually worse the past year which is partly to be accounted for by the presence of a lady from Brooklyn N.Y. named Mrs. C. Weldon who came here in June 1889 announcing herself as a member of Dr. Bland's society, the Indian Defense Association, and opposed to the Indian ratifying the Act of March 2nd, 1889, demanding of me permission to pass through the Sioux reservation to Cheyenne River Agency, and to take Sitting Bull with her.

The Sioux commission being then engaged negotiating with the Indians at the Southern Sioux Agencies, I as a matter of course refused to permit her either to pass through the reservation or allowing Sitting Bull to accompany her and compelled