

and desiring the support provided in the treaty must report at the Agency for such enrolment and be required to encamp near the Agency for a few weeks and those electing to continue their medicine practice in violation of Department Orders to remain on Grand River from whom subsistence issues will be withheld.

Something looking towards breaking up this craze should be done and now that cold weather is approaching is the proper time. Such a step as here suggested would leave Sitting Bull with but a few followers as all or nearly all would soon report for ~~enrolment~~ enrolment and thus would be forced in himself.

There are not many fire arms among these Indians, still there are a few and as a pledge of good faith on their part, they should be required to turn in all their arms to the Agent and get a memorandum receipt for the same.

Knowing these Indians as I do I am confident that I can by such a course settle the Messiah Craze at this Agency and also break up the power of Sitting Bull without trouble and very little excitement: - this will be sustained by public sentiment and conform to the discipline approved by the better disposed Indians.

It is true that it would unsettle the Indians of that district in their home life for a few weeks but after which all worry and uneasiness would cease. While with the Ghost practices continued, all the participants being Indians regularly rationed by the Government without any appearance of withdrawal of this support, anxiety among the well disposed and a greater temptation for many others to join is increasing.

A reply as to the suggestion herein contained is respectfully requested

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servt.

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