

Standing Rock N.D. (No date)

(The next communication however, is dated Dec 18th)

" Dear Col. Drum
Commanding

Dear Sir:

I send the bearer Mr A.C.Wells, Agency Farmer, with a party of twenty Indians to look after the abandoned property in the Grand River settlements and to bring in our dead and wounded police also invite all loyal and friendly Indians to come into the Agency and go into camp near here for the present, and, if it meets with your approval, to bring the wives and children of those who have fled along with him, as this may induce the men to come in and join their families and in this way a number of them will doubtless abandon their foolish course in fleeing from their homes.

Please instruct Mr Wells in regard to the matter as you may deem proper.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obd, Servant,

James McLaughlin

U.S.Ind. Agt.