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LETTER OF ALEX POSEY

"Well, so," Hotgun he say, "Colonel Clarence B. Duglast, he was dee-lighted and Chief P. Porter, he was dee-lighted, and Charley Gibson, he was dee-lighted and Alice M. Lobbysome, she was dee-lighted too."

And Tookpafka Micco he was look down his old pipe-stem and say, "Well, so, what for?"

And Hotgun he go on and say, "Well, so 'cause the Great White Father from Washington was suffered 'am to come unto 'im on the grand stand, while he was showing his teeth and shaking the Big Stick before the multitude up to Muskogee."

Then Tookpafka Micco he spit out in the yard and say, "Well, so what kind of a thing's the Big Stick, anyhow?"

And Hotgun he look wise, like the supreme court, and explain it, "Well, so the big stick was the symbol of power, like a policeman's billy. In the jungles a Afriky it was called a war-club; and in the islands a the

sea, like Australia, it was called a boomer-rang; and among us full blood Injins we call it a ball-stick; and if it was fall in the hands a the women folks, it was called a rolling-pin, or maybe so, a broom-handle. It was had lots a different names, like breakfast food. Over in Europe a king was had precious stones put in it, to make it more ornamental than useful, and call it a scepter. The brass-knucks was the latest improvement on it. In olden time Samson was had a Big Stick made out of a jaw-bone of a ass, and was made a great hit with it among the Philistines. Same way when the Great White Father was want to show his influence all he had to do was to flourish the Big Stick and everybody was get out from under it."

(Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo they was grunt and Tookpafka Micco he was pay close attention and spit out in the yard again.)

Then Hotgun he smoke slow and go and say, "Colonel Clarence B. Duglast he was dee-lighted and Charley Gibson he was dee-lighted and Chief P. Porter he was dee-lighted and Alice M. Lobbysome she was dee-lighted too. They was all butt in before the reception committee could see if they badges was on straight. They was put the Great White Father on they shoulders and histed 'im upon the

grand stand, and he was made a talk to the multitude. He say, "Well, so I was mighty glad to see you all and hope you was all well. I couldn't complain and I was left Secretary Itscocked enjoying good health. (Big cheers and somebody out in the crowd say, Bully for Itscocked!) Look like you all was had a fine country down here. You all ought to had statehood and let Oklahoma show you how to run it. (Colonel Clarence B. Duglast, he pay close attention and listen for some word 'bout 'imself.) I want everybody to had a square deal down here. (Lots more big cheers and everybody smiling but the Snake Injin.) You all was had a fine town here, too. You could run flat boats up to it from Ft. Smith, and deliver the goods over lots of railroads, and pump out oil, and develop salt-licks and float beecourses. But I didn't had time to talk any more, 'cause I couldn't stop here but two minutes and I have been here put near five. So long.

"Then the special train was kick up a cloud of dust and hide behind it, and the multitude was climb down off the houses and telegraph poles and go tell they neighbors 'bout it. Colonel Clarence B. Duglast he go and tell his friends the President think he was ten cents straight, and Chief P. Porter he go and tell his friends

the President say he was the greatest living Injin, and Charley Gibson he go and write a 'Rifle Shot' 'bout giving the President a fan made out a tame turkey feathers instead of eagle plumes, and Alice M. Lobbysome she go and buy the platform the President stood on for a souvenir. Maybe so she was made a bedstead out of it and distribute the sawdust and shavings among the fullbloods to look at."

And Tookpafka Micco he say, "Well, so I might need some kindling next winter and the keepsakes was come in handy."

(Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo they was give another big grunt.)

Then Hotgun he go on and say, "Well, so the next stop the Great White Father make was out in Oklahoma in a big pasture, where they was a lots of coyotes. He was got after one a horseback and crowd it over the prairies till he was get good results and captured it alive. He was had lots of fun with it before he was run it down. The President was a great hunter and was kill big game well as a cayote or jackrabbbit. So he was go on to the Rocky Mountains to beard the bear and lion in they den."

And Tookpafka Micco he say, "Well, so this time the Lord better help the grizzly."