

to the plains, taking with  
him such supplies as he could  
procure in the settlements,  
including liquors, all of which  
he gave away to the Indians  
as presents, and in return  
received such presents as they  
chose to give him, living  
with them as one of themselves.  
He showed certificates from  
one or two Indian Chiefs to  
say that they had made him  
their Representative. He boasted  
that he had influence all over  
the plains. He frequently  
came to me for compensation  
for his services. I refused to  
give any attention to him  
till I found there was some  
danger of his inciting the  
Indians to war, when  
I thought it better to have his  
good will rather than allow  
him to go back determined  
on creating trouble, at a time  
when the Government was