

and that in case ~~if~~ no
Commissioner was sent
to them, and they wished
to communicate with the
Government, to do so direct,
through one or two delegates
chosen from among themselves,
instead of the whole tribe
coming down - I observed
a disposition among the
Half Breeds to try to acquire
the appearance of having an
influence with the Indians,
apparently for the purpose
of turning it to their own
profit when the time might
come for the Government
to deal with them - Almost
everyone of the Half Breeds
that I talked to, informed
me