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Office of the North West
Indian Superintendency.

Battleford 9th May, 1878.



Sir,

I have the honor to remind you that several of the Plain Cree chiefs were not parties to the Treaty of 1876. They either did not receive timely notice, or considered it too far to bring their bands from the neighborhood of Red Deer River to either Fort Pitt or Carlton.

Last year I obtained the adhesion of one of these, "Bobtail," at Bon River, and Mr Dickieson took the adhesion of one at Pitt and one at Edmonton. There are still three or four chiefs who have not come into the Treaty, of whom perhaps "Big Bear" is the most influential. This chief came to Fort Pitt in 1876, and saw the Commissioner, but he was not accompanied by his people. He demanded from His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Morris, that no Indian should be hanged, as you will see by referring to your Departmental Report laid before Parliament in 1877, page LXII.

Mr Dickieson saw the "Big Bear" at

The Honorable
The Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Yours