

It may not be possible to altogether suppress them, but the Department has not seen its way clear to approve them. They are a waste of time and means, and tend to retard their education and progress in all that ~~is~~ is best in civilized life. It surely must occur to yourself that dances that require so many rules to regulate them cannot be altogether harmless. The attempt to induce the Indians to give up their peculiar dances may be partly ineffectual, but so are all laws and instructions against folly, immorality and crime; but, still the efforts to restrain these evils do not cease to be maintained.

Your obedient servant,

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