

Your commissioners beg respectfully to close their report with the following digest of their recommendations and conclusions:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the agents at the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies, and at any agencies hereafter established among the wilder Sioux, be supported by a military force, which should, however, except under extraordinary circumstances, be at a short distance from the agency and not immediately adjoining. The relation of the agent and the commanding military officer should be definitely determined. (See page 21.) That an agency be provided for the Northern Sioux, and that, to this end, they be refused rations at the existing agencies, and a delegation of them be induced to visit Washington, and that the location of the agency be in the neighborhood of the Black Hills. (See page 22.)

That agents be instructed to carry out the provisions of Article I of the treaty of 1868. (See page 23.)

That the northern line of Nebraska be run this summer. (See page 24.)

That a liberal present of blankets, Indian cloth, ticking, and blue drilling be made the Upper Brulés and Ogallallas for the surrender of their right to hunt on the Republican, and to roam over the neutral ground south of the reservation, and that they be informed that this right is withdrawn. (See page 24.)

That the agent at Whetstone agency be instructed not to issue rations to any band which refuses to be counted, and that your commissioners be requested to find a suitable place for the agency, and that both have military protection. (See page 25.)

That all beef and other provisions be issued by orders on the issue clerk, which orders should pass through the office in order to their appearance on the books; that these orders be filed away for safe-keeping, and the books and papers of the agency be the property of the Government and not of the agent. (See page 28.)

That the Indians of Whetstone agency may be permitted to take the contract for freighting. (See page 28.)

That brands of United States Indian Department and of inspector be placed upon all packages consigned to agents under contract. (See page 28.)

Recommendation as to beef for balance of the current year. (See page 29.)

That, Indians being their own worst enemies, being bent on a mode of life that is fatal to their own good, and, moreover, rarely understanding the meaning of treaties, and more rarely still remembering the obligations therein laid upon them, a *just and generous declaration by the United States Government of what they must do* is a better mode of dealing with them than negotiation or treaty-making, wherever the Government is in a position to pursue the former course. (See page 22.)

That a system should be inaugurated for the removal of the Sioux, as soon as practicable, to a climate and soil less discouraging to the efforts of beginners in husbandry. (See page 25.)

That the Sioux be informed that depredations on other Indians displease the President. (See page 24.)

CONCLUSION.

The late disturbances are not indicative of preparations for war. (See page 21.)

The present policy is accomplishing the results desired. (See page 22.)

Commissioners Brunot and Kemble did not promise these Indians guns. (See page 26.)

Removal of the Upper Brulés to the Missouri is of doubtful wisdom. (See page 26.)

Ammunition has not been hoarded for war. (See page 26.)

Agents Saville and Howard are exonerated, and deserve confidence and commendation. (See page 27.)

Beef has been overissued, but the agents were helpless to avoid it. (See page 28.)

Beef has not been issued in such quantities that it has been left to rot. (See page 28.)

Flour has been wasted; causes given. (See page 28.)

Spotted Tail's complaints at Cheyenne were not justifiable. (See page 28.)

Supplies of all kinds are wholesome and of at least fair quality. (See page 29.)

Submitted on behalf of all the commissioners.

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