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tains for a railway, was making surveys in Columbia, and was approached by a deputation of Indians, the account of the interview with whom he has thought worthy to be placed in his report to Parliament, which has been published. Some hundreds of Indians, headed by a gray-headed Chief, wished to have an interview with the representative of the Queen of England. The Chief said, " You may perhaps think I have come, as is usual, to ask for presents ; but presents to-day I come not to ask. My people are starving, and it goes to my heart to see them in such a condition. I hear you have lately come from the great country, and no one who ever came to us from England deceived us." He said, " I wish to ask what the Queen of England is going to do with us. We see the smoke of the white man rising up all around us, and I hear that in the south they are buying the land of our neighbours and deceiving them ; but we will not sell, we will not part with our land." Captain Palliser told him he was quite sure the Queen of England would never send troops to deprive them by force of their territory, if they remained peaceable. A Chief present from the American side of the border said to the other Chief, " Make him put that down in writing ; put it on paper, I say." But the other Chief of the side of the British territory replied, " What he says he will stand to." He then earnestly besought Captain Palliser to acquaint the Queen of England with the earnest desire and anxiety of these poor creatures respecting their condition, and their fears lest they might be invaded, as unhappily there is too much prospect of their being invaded, by white men who come up from the south unscrupulous as to the means they might use to carry on traffic with them. But this will give you an idea that, although in a state of debased idolatry and superstition, they are nevertheless friendly disposed towards England, and they look to Englishmen to do them good. Indeed, I believe there is an impression on the mind of these people that England has something, they know not what, to do them good ; and it looks as if the impression that years ago