

can really engage to perform. The question
how they are to be fed when the buffalo fail
is the great one troubling their minds. The
Clause, referring to times of want, in the
Treaty, ^{Art. 6.} is different from what they believed
it to be. Some of the Chiefs have gone so
far as to hint to me that the Treaty in
this respect, and with regard to the quantity
of provisions to be distributed at seed
time, has been altered since the Treaty
was signed. With such an impression
as this to some extent abroad, you will
be able to realize the difficult position
in which the officers of your Department
in the Territories are placed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedt. servant

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