

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<sup>No 6</sup>, 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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