

Smells," "Four Bands," "The one who Bends the Wood," and "Rolling Thunder" are treaty Indians. I ordered witnesses for prosecution and defence to attend the examination to-morrow morning, when I will investigate the case under oath.

In conclusion, I wish to say a few words for the men of my detachment. Before entering the camp I explained to them there were two hundred warriors in the camp who had put the Police at defiance; that I intended to arrest the leaders; to do so perhaps would put them in a dangerous position, but that they would have to pay strict attention to all orders given by me no matter how severe they might appear. From the replies and the way they acted during the whole time, I am of opinion that every man of this detachment would have boldly stood their ground if the Indians had made any resistance.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) J. M. WALSH,

*Inspector Commanding Fort Walsh.*

To Lieut.-Col. A. G. IRVINE,

Assistant Commissioner N.W.M.P

Fort MacLeod.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE BRANCH,

OTTAWA, 14th August, 1877.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Honourable the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th June last, reporting the arrest, by Inspector Walsh, of thirteen Assiniboine Indians for committing a series of assaults upon a number of Sauteaux.

He desires me to say that he has no supervision of the judicial acts of Officers of the Mounted Police, but still he concurs in the prudence exhibited in mitigating the sentences referred to in your letter, when there was a reasonable probability of the mitigation being attended with beneficial results.

He further desires that you will convey to Inspector Walsh his appreciation of the courage and determination shown by him and the officers and men under his command in carrying out the arrest.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Signed,)

FRED. WHITE.

Major IRVINE,

Assistant Commander,

N. W. M. Police.