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My dear Dr. Montezuma; Have had a wold day's conference with Gen P.-such things as we have been unsarthing (He thinks the Wheelock episode was a clever ruse to attack him and I believe so, too. You know Valentign has come out and gives out the statement officially that there is nothing in it. Wheelock has gone to Washington. You see Gen P was too strong and this is done to injure him. The I. R. Assa has been his determined enemy for years and they backed Valentine. I believe they joined with the Catholics. Anyways, the Catholics were for V. next. The I. R. Ass have been officially against Valentine to investigate Crow Reservation-secretly. I am above all not to know out is leaked out in a most remarkable and absolutely certain way. Some of the Senators, my enemies, are to go along. There is a firm of W lawyer Kappier and Merriat who are trying to get a contract with the Crows. You will doubtless know Kappier as the man who was clerk of the Senate Committee under Gen Stewart. He is one of the most treacherous men in W. unless it is a partner who is the man who rigged up the persecution against Crazy Snake because he, nor the Dept could not control Crazy Snake. I know so many things that I cannot put into a letter but it lines all of it right up to Broder. <sup>Agent of the I. R. Assa</sup> He was put in by Bro Leupp as his successor with the I. R. Assa and has and is still working with Leupp. If a decent investigation is made of it I fully believe Leupp will go to the pen. It was on account of this that he resigned. Now he is using the I. R. Ass, as he has for years, and the intention is to make an investigation-as Leupp has in the case of scores of tribes and find nothing. That ends the whole matter.

now again. George Logan wrote Gen Grant asking his advice as to employing an act, meaning Kappier and Merriat. <sup>Leupp</sup> He replied that he would not favor any act put in by the Dept. That was two weeks ago. Now what do you

under no consideration enter into anything with them or in which they could have a chance to interfere. Take the confirmation of Dalby. I kept him out alone for three sessions. Being out of money and sick, I asked Walsh to help me. I found, and was told so by senators who would not have admitted the things, that Brosius was openly saying things against me that were most damaging, behind my back, while to my face he was as nice as I would permit him to be, which was not often for I have too complete a conscience for him. The trouble with all of you Indians is that you do not read what is going on and keep in touch with the real, not the imagined situation. Get the Senate committee records and study them, study the laws passed relating to Indian matters. You can get them all from Geo. [redacted] cannot say his name but it is the custodian of Senate documents. Every bill carries a report from all the tribes. The reason I have done so much is because I have studied this all so thoroughly.

As to coming to Washington, it is too late. The tariff bill is at the end so definitely now that all are ready to leave Washington the minute it is passed. That will be probably in two weeks. No one will listen to anything now for you can see that each member has private business that he attends in the summer. He is getting ready to take that, much behind time and the finish of the bill will be the struggle. See Belonger has gone west and Taft is not in Washington except as he must be. No one here either will give thought now to anything more than necessary.

If you want anything published and will see Martin Hutchins of the Journal, he is a friend of mine. Also Herman Reichert of the Record Herald. Another good man is Dr. Shaler Washburn of the World To-day, Trade sig. You can use my name with all three.

I wonder if you received a letter I wrote you, concerning Joseph Brown of Cassation were at the meeting at Washburn, also about my [redacted] I should like to see those resolutions but I read all the indexes I got

Bellevue

Sincerely yours,

Chicago after Congress ends.

Washington correspondent of the Tribune. He was particularly fine to me.

Another man in Chicago whom I know is Arthur

McDonough the Indian but I feel nothing can be done here or in Washington.

OK. I like immensely some of things I hear of Baltimore. Now is the time

in at the very end and I think not. I think that left will put in a man

name had not been sent to the Senate when I last heard. Probably

level of operation. I cannot think that anything will stay in office. My

hope one I think the only thing is to start a new law and have a definite

the time of his prominence. I am still working to interest the right people

in places like this that no one has the ear of the public except as

related up in the matter here is dead. No many things keep crowding

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and I suppose you are all busy and busy with the Indians. He only returned yesterday and this evening the wires come from three months in California and they expect to go right to housekeeping. He thinks it best not to write to Justice but will doubtless write you soon. He thinks it better not to show his hand out yet he will keep the wires out of sight working. I wish to warn you about your letters. He missed some important ones. He cannot account for them being out of his files. I have continually trouble with letters taken out of my room as if by magic so that I never leave anything where it can be tampered with.

Now I am getting this off to-night. Shall put in the P.O. that should get to you Sunday then will you wire me immediately? I shall wait for you wire before starting to W. There I shall see Ben Hurston and wait to be quite sure of all our plans. We will go after the Backfoot wickedness as well while we are there so count on going there as well. It is possible that I may mean expense. I am spending about \$1000 and so on. But it is worth the candle to see the scene in our government put down and will be no loss to us in any way. For all it is lending to the Lord who pays his debts. Besides that if things work it will pay materially. I feel a little bit by good friends at W. I wish I could find out what we know! Do you know I simply stand dumfounded myself at the way this Crow business has worked. It does make one think of the tales of the Hebrews in the old testament. Be very careful to whom you say anything now and do not delay as I know you will not in let-ting me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,  
 Helen Gray.

*If you consult Miss Burgess, get her to promise not to say anything. Rev. Mr. Burgess I can refer to Burgess' Mt. S.W. at the Hallerby file*

Will you go to Crow Reservation and get the Indians to ask, with a proper petition, that Sen Thurston be made their atty. He was for years chairman of the Senate Indian committee, Gen Pratt has known him long and there was never a word against him. He has the highest standing with Senate, House the Dept and Sec and also with the I.R. Ass. He is a good friend of mine and said if any one went out he would go himself. He was willing to take the business if it were brought to him properly by the Crow without asking leave of anyone and you can see that he would not be turned down. He hates Leupp and would be perfectly fearless. He is also a warm hater of Roosevelt. If you will go I will come to Chicago and give full instructions and if <sup>you</sup> want me to, go on to Montana. You can see how very important this is. It will bring Valentine directly into the light and his use of the Inspector to kill the charges by Wheelock whether those charges were made honestly or with intent. Wheelock is not a friend of Pratt. Gen Pratt is writing to Horace Long Bear, Geo Hagan and John Frost. I can get you into touch with the whole situation in a short time and with many other things. I am going to Washington on Monday. There is a doing there that Gen P thinks I ought to look into and I shall be about in places where I can hear a lot of the inside of things. There is a young clergyman at Billings who has been a good friend to our side, he discovered me in jail and took up the cudgels. I am writing him. He cannot go onto the Reservation. You can merely go to visit. You are not known in any way in connection with me nor will you be and you see you are in correspondence with Sniffen. You are the very one to do this and Gen P says he would trust you to the full limit. That is a pretty nice thing for him to say. He does not say it of many. I believe if we play our game right now he will be in as Commissioner. He is a splendid man, the more I see him the more I like him. He has had most flattering letters recently from men like Gen Green.

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disclosed so that I have a fair idea of some of the things that are  
before many tribes. The law is explicit. The Dept makes its own rulings the  
set aside law till the law sets aside the Dept as it did a scores of cases  
that I know of. My plan would give every tribe a decent lawyer, hired by  
tribe-in spite- of the Dept. If the man is one put in by the Dept he will  
do anything the Dept wants left alone. You can see that in that way he is  
working against his client. What I want in the right men in each tribe.  
am not personally acquainted with many of them and corresponding is  
out of the question. That is the business I want to talk over with you.  
You are I think an Apache. Now what do you know of your own tribal matters  
How is your tribe ruled, are you allotted and all of that. The Crow knew  
absolutely nothing about their affairs, hence were easy picking. I have worked  
over records till no one in the Dept knows as much about their business  
the laws for their people than I do. Going to different Senators to find  
out, each has taught me new methods of digging things up in W. Once a tribe  
were properly defended by an honest lawyer, you can see how differently it  
would stand with the world. I think there is no other way. The Assa cannot  
accomplish much as an initiative, it must follow the organization of the tribe  
I think a new Assa should be formed, leaving out of office any Indian who  
dependant on his Agent or who lives on a reservation. As to keeping the  
Indian on the Reservation. I think that is legal. The Indian is legally a  
prisoner of war, an "dependant, domestic, alien". The Dawes bill gives him ci  
izenship. There have been plenty of decisions that cover what the recent  
beas corpus case covers but the thing is to enforce them. That is what I  
will do but it must be done by the Indians alone. No one else can do it  
one they can be shown the way. Sen Owen tried this very thing out no pe

into the hands of a very weak man and I think that Sen O. tried to help him. Anyway he is accused of having taken legal action in measures for which he was trying to procure legislation. I do not think he was ever proven because I think he is too smart a man to get caught, in such a manner for he knows the laws. However that may be it looks as if some club were held over his head. He is a splendidly brilliant man and I believe him honorable but he certainly did keep very quiet after the matter was talked of and does still. I would work it in a somewhat different way, making the different Indians, say you for your tribe, justice for his, and so on, with probably three from each tribe and so arrange it that each receive, while attending in Washington, his expenses and perhaps more out of the tribal fund. He would then be in a position to know the business of his tribe and with the co-operation of his atty, demand information and thus prevent wrongful legislation. Take for instance the Crows. A bill was passed, partly a few years ago and the finishing portion last session by which the land of the Huntley Irrigation project was taken from the Indians and turned over to the Reclamation Service. I begged and prayed and all and in fact did swear at them to help me and do as I asked. I could have prevented that bill's passage as I did every one I fought. I did not oppose it because with the former legislation it did not really mean much more. A farmer hold on something like three million acres of Crow land for which they had never a cent. The same kind of a bill went through for the Pines. The surplus land was simply stolen from the Flatheads also. The Chyenne River Sioux had a similar thing worked on them and I half believe an Indian was at the back of the latter. Now you can see how much to each tribe a proper representation means. I am certain I could put it through for some of them if they would do exactly the right things. I had hoped to have done much through the Asa but as you can see that will be noa possible. How can we get to work on this in the quickest, but surest way? You can do Indian end as you know them, I can do the Washington end as I know the ropes there. I shall write what you can do and address you give also. You do not say whether Joseph Brown was at H. Sincerely H.



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