

5/ Many have the fronts of them sheet, with willows plaited.
The one opposite the entry, (the entry is always on the east side, & is about 15 feet long, before one enters the lodge) is the medicine lodge, or apartment, in which hang or lay their articles of devotion, such as bows & arrows, spears, skins, scales &c. We, as "medicine men", were directed with our luggage to the latter, which we did without being awestricken, by its holliness, but deeply aggrieved that they should feel any reverence for the old trash, which their hands had made & the buffalo skulls, which they themselves had divested of its power.

Whilst we were unloading & taken off the wagon what might handily be sooted, so that to bring it in our apartment that we might not be short of it when we wished it again for us — a Government officer arrived with interpreter, for the purpose of inviting the Pawnees to the contemplated council at Ft. Saramie.

Soon the lodge was filled of chiefs, counsellors & warriors, & the women receded. We wished for the Government officer to deliver his message to them first which he did, & made them great promises, if they should come to Ft. Saramie, in order to induce them, which was very gratifying to them, & every desired object was promised, but have not kept them, as we have since learned. We were then introduced as the men of ~~the~~^{which} they were informed would come to see whether they wish to have a mission among them for to teach them & their children the words of the great spirit, upon which a general shaking of hands commenced again.