

Our object was then made known unto them, to which they responded in the most enthusiastic manner, as being in accordance with their wishes. The head chief replied in substance: I was poor & forgotten. Now I feel as if I had just awakened. I see now something better before me. I think we will not be so poor much longer. I am glad that our great father remembers us again. I am glad that good men wish to live with us, to teach us good words. When you now return to tell your friends that we wish you, you must not stay long, but come soon again. You must build your house close to our village, there is timber & water plenty here for you." So one after another spoke, with but little variation the same, each before & after speaking shaking hands with us. By their "talks" we thought they were expecting assistance as to their temporal wants, & knowing, should they have such an impression, they would always be "naked & have empty stomachs," & the main object of our labor be therefore lost - we thought it necessary to have it understood, that they could not expect that of us, & therefore replied, they should remember that we were not sent by their great Father, but by the great spirit, & bring one by his words with us; if they were very poor their great Father, if he saw fit would cloth them & feed them, & should they not be pleased with this declaration, we would rather take up our staves, & go to such which would have us on such a condition, but they took it very kindly, & further promised that they would guard us against the enemy with our property, & instructed their "young men" in the strongest terms & frightful gestures that they must not steal any thing of