

Indians of N.Amer. - Dakota Inds. Mar.22,1886

Hill to H. B. Strait

Enclosing a printed copy of a memorial [not enclosed] from the people of the Devil's Lake district to Congress and a letter from the chairman of a public meeting at that place, which in nowise overstates the importance of prompt action. "It is a fact that can be established that all the country north of Devil's Lake belonged to Standing Buffalo&s Yankton Sioux, who took part in the Minnesota massacre of 1862 and in 1863 were driven beyond the Missouri... A large majority of the indians now at Turtle Mountain belong on the Canadian side ... and are drawi annuities from both

governments, and I think ... the balance who went from the neighborhood of Pembina and Pembina Mountain in 1872 and 1873 to Turtle Mountain, in point of fact had their original home at the mouth of the Roseau River where it empties into the Red River of the North, twelve miles north of the International boundary."

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