

Inds.of N.America-Piegans

May 10, 1886

Hill to Samuel Thorne

Substantially the same as the letter of May 11 on page 211, with this additional information: "The Hon Martin Maginnis has spent six weeks in Washington ... & has succeeded in getting a bill reported to which there is, I understand, no opposition, providing for the removal to existing reservations of the Piegan and Blackfeet Indian and for their support; also, opening the territory lying between the Missouri River and the International boundary line in Montana including the Milk River valley, to settlement. The bill provides for a commission with authority to treat with the Indians " Asks Thorne and "our friend Smith Weed" to help by writing

the president to appoin Maginnis, who "represented Montana in Congress for thirteen years, and was the only democrat they could elect. He was the choice of his party for Governor," and the successful opponent; the present governor, has become increasingly unpopular since election."

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