

ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

January 31, 1929

Dear Dr. Crinnell:

I am sending herewith some rough notes copied from letters from Capt. North to Dan H. Bowman, Knowlton, Montana--without attempt, in this preliminary form, to eliminate duplications or make corrections. It occurs to me that you might be interested to see them in this form, where any changes could be made before typing them again.

For ready reference I enclose, attached to their proper places, print of the bear killed by the Custer party, and also clipping from a map of Nebraska showing Howard Co. Would like to make a sketch of the location of the lost Indian village, and wonder if you would be able to indicate the spot for the draftsman?

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If ~~your~~ your Secretary will phone me, Bowling Green 5675, when you might be ready to conveniently let me have this back, I would be glad to call for it, instead of placing it in the mail; and I might at that time leave you, for examination, some of the features recently developed.

Think I overlooked mentioning that while the two portfolios are to go to Mr. Barber in this city and Mr. Ellison at Casper, Wyo., duplicates of the principal documents (unmounted) have been sent to the Historical Society, Lincoln.

Yours very truly,



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I would also like to place the location of the Cody and North ranch on Dismal River, but cannot do so from any map here; when I come up I might bring a map and see if you can locate it for me. R.B.

ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

February 4, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:--

You will see from the accompanying print how excellent a result has been made out of your letter of January 10th, for the Barber-Ellison portfolios. I have sent a duplicate to Capt. North.

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With your ~~per~~ permission I would like to add another letter from you, based upon yours of January 31st, slightly changed as per my rough copy herewith. Yours as written was, of course, all right; but this would fit a little closer and offset the other, so to speak.

I still have some items in process, but about the middle of the week would like to call and show you the material before having it permanently placed in the portfolios; and if anything did not seem right to you, there would be time to change it. If desired I would be glad to leave the material overnight; and if perfectly agreeable would like to have for that same overnight a copy of your book for looking over before closing the portfolios.

Yours very truly,



I suggest that the enclosed might be held until I call rather than be folded for mailing. R.B.

ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

January 24, 1929

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

Yours of yesterday makes me doubly anxious to have you see my historical portfolio before it leaves my hands; and it is quite certain that your longer experience in such things would lead to some suggestions of benefit to the work.

Just at present the different items are mostly detached, waiting for some more in order to place them to best advantage in connection with the prints of the Pawnee Scout muster rolls, already placed in the portfolio, to be supplemented by various maps, pictures, etc. Perhaps early next week I may come up and see you for a short time; and if you wish, leave the material with you until the next day.

As one feature of that portfolio, I have had as large an enlargement as possible made of the group photograph of 1874 in the Black Hills, in order to show yourself, Prof. Winchell and Capt. North together. Of course in this particular use of it, the main feature is North himself. Considering that this has been thrown up about 200%, I hope you find it good.

For one thing, it will probably enable you to decide absolutely about this middle figure having been L. H. North, about which he was himself in doubt when examining the smaller-sized print. If you would like to keep this, you are welcome to it, and I will make another for the portfolio.

All other items in your letter carefully noted.

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

January 29, 1929

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th St., New York

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

I should have before brought up the historical material I am preparing on THE FIGHTING NORTHS AND PAWNEE SCOUTS, except for delays with some of the material--mainly several items now about ready to come from the Bureau of Ethnology. Perhaps I have not said that the material is to be in the form of two portfolios, one for Mr. C. Y. Barber, 35 East 30th St., New York, and the other for Mr. R. S. Ellison, of Casper, Wyoming, with Mr. Barber's compliments. For any passing interest I attach Capt. North's comments on the plan:

Columbus Neb
June 9th 1928

Dear Mr. Bruce

I would be very glad to have your friend Barber make a set for Mr. Ellison; as he Ellison has done me many favors and is a very fine man.

Sincerely yours
L. H. North.

duplicate - need
not return it

Your recent letter on the Norths will be included in the form of photostat prints of the original; and I may use the upper part of yours of yesterday referring to Grinnell, North and Winchell. One word in the sentence referred to is not clear to me--..in the order from the wagon.. I see no wagon but only a tent; or is it a tent erected over a wagon?

I would also like to ask if your visit in 1922 to the Pawnee Agency, as mentioned in one of Capt. North's letters, was to the Agency in Pawnee, Oklahoma? If so, I would like to insert a footnote to that effect, North's letter mentioning only the Pawnee Agency, with no place. Passing of these items in the material will mark so many steps in the completion of the portfolio, which I shall try to leave at your house overnight before it is shipped away; and if the amount of time, care and expense is any criterion, it will be something worth careful examination.

Yours very truly,



Clarence Reckmeyer
Fremont, Nebraska

January 20, 1929.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Enclosed find \$6⁰⁰ for which please send to me
~~Walter Reed~~ your latest book "Two Great Scouts" Frank
by Luther North. Will you kindly write your name in front.
I am going to do some boosting for this book. It is the best in the west.
Had a very pleasant visit with Mr. Ellison at Casper a few days ago.
We went out to study the location of the graves where Custards
men lie buried. I was also up as far as Kayce, but off course
did not get out to the scene of the Bull Knife fight again.

With very kind regards I remain

Very truly yours

Clarence Reckmeyer.

ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

January 12, 1929

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
New York

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

Yours of the 10th, regarding the Norths is exactly what I wanted; and in addition to making prints for the Historical Collections, I am having one made to send to Capt. North, as an interesting souvenir of your remembrances of Maj. North and himself.

I have just received a brief note from the Captain, saying is able to write but little--only a few lines, in fact; but he seems to be improving, and I am sure that a print of your letter will cheer all the Norths.

Yours very truly,



I shall try to step up sometime next week and show you the Historical Collection before it passes out of my hands; but not all the items are quite ready. It would take very few minutes for you to look over the Collection, and you might have some suggestions to make--which I would do my utmost to carry out. R.B.

sent by letter from Capt. North's letter

Saw Colonel Cole's Division Pass Through Columbus, Nebraska

IN Columbus, Nebraska, there still lives Captain Luther H. North, who served during part of the Civil War as a private in Co. K, 2nd Nebraska Volunteer Cavalry, and was afterward in the Indian wars, including the expedition against Dull Knife's village in November 1876. Captain North is the younger brother of the late Major Frank J. North, commander of the Pawnee scouts in the Powder River Indian Expedition of 1865; Luther H. North did not participate in that campaign with his brother, but afterward served with the Custer-Ludlow-Winchell Black Hills exploration of 1874. It is generally agreed that Capt. North is the most prominent survivor of scouts in the Indian wars following the Civil War.

The *Recruiting News* has received an interesting communication from this veteran of over eighty years, telling how he saw Col. Cole's expedition pass through Columbus, Nebraska, where the column turned northwest from the Platte River Valley to go up the Loup Fork, as narrated in the issue

for November 15th. From Capt. North's letter dated November 26th, the following extracts have been made:

"The first chapter of Colonel Cole's report came this morning; thank you for it. He certainly had a fine command, the best looking lot of horses and the finest mule teams I ever saw. I had been doing a little scouting and guiding for a company of troops stationed here; and Cole sent for me, wanting to employ me to guide his division northwest. I had never been farther than the head of Loup River, and didn't like to take the responsibility from that point to the Powder River and perhaps to the Yellowstone.

"Cole had no guide at that time, but hired George Sard at the Pawnee Agency; he was a clerk from Chicago, and had been there only a short time, knew nothing of the country and was, of course, soon in difficulties. It was said afterward that Colonel Cole threatened to hang him. In his report Cole speaks of his guides; I wonder who they were, and think perhaps they may have joined his company with Colonel Walker. He certainly had a

great responsibility on his shoulders, for the moment he left the Pawnee Agency he was without a wagon road, and from there on to the Powder River was mighty wild, rough country. I am anxious to see the rest of his report."

(Signed) LUTHER H. NORTH

"P. S. My brother, Major Frank North stated that he reached Cole's command with rations on September 19th, and tells of distributing 300 rations of hardtack to Cole's men. As there are 13 hardtack to a ration, those 3,900 with bacon, coffee, sugar, etc., ought to have helped some." L. H. N.

No doubt Captain North, reflecting upon the opportunity he had to go on that expedition, realizes that he missed participation in one important campaign; at the same time he also missed living on a horse and mule diet for about four days, from the time their rations gave out in northern Wyoming until the command reached Fort Connor (Reno), then Dakota Territory, now in the State of Wyoming.

January 14, 1929

Mr. Robert Bruce,
18 Old Slip,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th instant to Dr. Grinnell. He is at present out of town and will not return for about ten days or two weeks.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Dr. Grinnell.

ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

January 7, 1929

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
New York

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

Re yours of the 2nd: when I am through with the North papers, they will be assembled for posterity; and if possible, I should like to show the set to you before sending it away.

Whether or not the latter can be conveniently done, I enclose items from yours of the 2nd which--if you are willing to have re-written on your letter-head and signed, I should like to photoprint and add a copy to the North papers. All the items in your letter are interesting to me; but no doubt you will agree that I have retained those items most likely to be of general interest with the other papers. Of course any changes, additions or subtractions you care to make will be all right with me; but I believe a photoprint of these paragraphs will be just about what space I shall give your communication, to which I presume you will have no objection.

Yours very truly,



P.S. If, as I hope, you knew Maj. Frank North, a special reference to him might be inserted; and I would also be glad to have Mrs. Chambers' initials if you recall them.

I have the data about the Cody partnership, &c.; so have omitted those items, leaving mainly the personal references.

GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 2, 1929

Mr. Robert Bruce,
18 Old Slip,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bruce:

The two brothers, Major Frank North and Captain Luther H. North, accomplished a great work in the early settlement of the West; and it seems to me that all these details should be recorded.

Captain North is, as you suggest, not a very good source of information about himself. I have known him for a great many years. He is a rather short, stoop-shouldered man, with a most kindly face, now of course rather wrinkled.

E. B.
Mrs. North was an excellent horsewoman, but has probably not ridden for many years. Mrs. Chambers, who was Stella North, lives in Columbus, and I see her at more or less frequent intervals.

The matter of recording early happenings in the West, and the stories of men who participated in them, has been put off far too long; and I am glad to know that the original North documents are to be preserved.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Bird Grinnell

Clarence Reckmeyer

Fremont, Nebraska

Feb. 19, 1929.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,

Dear Mr. Grinnell: ^{New York.}

Your very kind letter of the 14th.

I left Denver a couple of days ago and am sorry that I did not get around to see Johnny Baker.

I have a newspaper clipping at home in which Mr. Baker tells of The Battle of Summit Springs being acted in Buffalo Bills' circus in Madison Square Garden, New York many years ago, which is all I know in regard to this act.

Yes I have got many details of the location of Summit Springs Battleground from Captain North, but he does not think we have the right place.

I am now at Kearny, getting some old Fort Kearny history, will go to the Historical Society at Lincoln in a few days and before long then I hope to get over to Columbus and see Captain and Mrs. North.

Very truly yours

Clarence Reckmeyer

ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

February 16, 1929

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

While I have planned to call for that North material in the vicinity of 5 P.M., on Monday--in case you wish to keep it longer, if your Secretary will call me on the phone, I will leave it somewhat longer. *Bowling Inn, 5675.*

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I have carefully read your book on the Norths, and find it--of course--very fine and well done (a sort of empty compliment considering your greater experience and attainments!) However, I have thought best to pass along this opinion of it, which I hope that the public will appreciate.

The most conspicuous lack is that of illustrations for the Norths. Capt. North sent me those arranged for the portfolio; but I wish very much that I had one or two more of them, and in the possible event that you have saved any that would contrast with those I have, I should like to make copies and send your original back with a new print. The fact that my work is mainly a series of illustrations inclines me to do everything possible to work in illustrations; and if I had one of Stella North I would use that also--especially one of her back while Maj. North was living. Also a buffalo hunt picture of that period, when you were out with them, would be a welcome addition to what I now have--and I have several features not yet quite ready, to be added to what you have now.

While nothing has been said as yet about that, I am hoping that Mr. Barber and Mr. Ellison will co-operate in ordering an extra portfolio for Capt. North. I have sent the captain prints of the most important subjects; but the whole portfolio will be a little too expensive for me to present to him alone. My confidence is quite strong that when Messrs. Barber and Ellison see the results, they will want Capt. North to have a duplicate with their compliments; hence the desire to work in more North illustrations, if it can be done.

Yours very truly,

*No Stella picture
" buffalo hunt "*

Robert Bruce

ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

February 12, 1929

Dr. Grinnell:

Confirming our conversation early this evening: I shall plan to start uptown just before the rush on the Elevated tomorrow night, taking with me one of those two portfolios. This I will leave overnight, if you wish, and call again for it.

I would like to take back with me a copy of your recent book on the Norths, to look at overnight and perhaps keep another day or two. Have purposely not yet put down the different items in the portfolios, in order to be free to make some changes before they are completed.

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In this office at the present time, and for a week past is W. H. Jackson, born in northern New York in 1843, a soldier with Doubleday in the Civil War, afterwards for 10 years photographer with the Hayden expeditions, an artist and scholar. I called you on the phone this afternoon, while you were out, suggesting that I might also bring Mr. Jackson up with me. He has now gone up to the Explorers Club; but I may bring him with me tomorrow, if he has no other appointment.

Yours very truly,

Ther. Bowling from 5675



Clarence Reckmeyer
Fremont, Nebraska

Feb. 6, 1929

George Bird Grinnell.

New York.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Am doing all I can to help the sale of
"Two Great Scouts" - because I want the truth to be
known about Summit Springs ^{and} Tall Bull.

I am now in Denver ^{and} put in a request for the purchase of
your book at the Denver Public Library ^{and} also State
Historical Society. Wrote Kearney, Neb. Public Library that
they might to have it ^{and} received answer saying they would order.

Also requested our Fremont Library to buy. Will write
Sterling, Colorado Library - as well as others, to buy it ^{and} will
send an article to World Herald, Nebraska State
Journal and other papers about it. I am going up and

have a visit with Johnny Baker at Buffalo Bill's museum
on Lookout Mountain someday. He was with Buffalo Bill's
Circus when they put on the play entitled "The Battle of
Summit Springs" where Bill kills Tall Bull.

I surely hope Captain North is well. A month

ago Mrs North wrote^{2.} me that he was a pretty
sick man, I must write them.

Dr Leroy Hafen of the Colorado State
Historical Society suggests holding a Sixtieth
Anniversary at Summit Springs on July 11th. next &
wants Captain North present. The state of Colorado
proposes to erect a monument there, - but Captain
North doesn't think we have the location correct. The
streamlet where they all think it happened out here runs
south west but Captain North says it ran northwest.

Do you describe the exact location?

Do you know anything about the scene of "The

Battle of Summit Springs" as shown in Buffalo Bill's
eries - whether he advertised this extensively? I would
like to find an old advertisement of it. I want to do all
I can to erase the statements Buffalo Bill has made about
it - remembering however that, while Bill was not averse to
annexing unmerited glory to himself, he was a good fellow in
many ways, and a good friend of Frank and Luther North.

With very kind regards I remain

Very truly yours
Clarence R. Ketchum

ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

May 8, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

About two months ago I came to the conclusion that the best way to continue work on those portfolios was to run some of the material gleaned from various sources in Motor Travel, so that I could have titles, boxed inserts, etc., to clip, instead of having them put in by hand. So I have already run two chapters, of which clippings are enclosed; and from your long experience as an editor, I think you will agree with me that considerable progress has been made, especially in illustrations.

Fortunately Mr. Barber does not regard time as a factor, and simply wants the best results in the end. On page 13, April issue (#7 in my consecutive pencil numbering), you will see the map of which I showed you a preliminary proof; but it was necessary to wait the publication of this chapter to have the proof and title to clip--hence the delay. The 3rd chapter is in process, but not completed.

Meanwhile Capt. North and I have been in daily correspondence; and I am assembling a wealth of his letters, having now at least twice as many as were shown to you about 60 days ago. These have been combined, as to subjects and otherwise improved. In view of the difficulty of taking out of this office all I have assembled, in the possible event that you should find it convenient to call, I could lay out on long tables everything I have, and feel sure that you would be surprised to see what has been arranged, particularly maps and illustrations--by one who never saw a Pawnee, and may never see one!

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Your last letter to me, of perhaps three weeks ago, mentioned that you would be glad to refer the matter of those Dull Knife photographs to the Cheyenne Agency; but I had previously had some correspondence with Maj. Lohmiller, and wrote him with duplicate prints about the same time I wrote to you. He says that neither of these are the real Dull Knife, but an inferior Dull Knife, of the Sioux tribe; also that the only real Dull Knife picture he knows of is in a group owned by John Stand-in Timber, who will not part with it. If I had it here I would gladly duplicate it; but probably he would not send it to me, though possible he might to you.

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

March 27, 1929

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

The type matter to go with the map in which you have expressed so much interest is in process; and will be sent in the reasonably near future.

I am interested at the moment in finding out, if possible, whether or not the enclosed illustrations are of Dull Knife. Both have been secured from the Bureau of Ethnology, but without information about either; and experience leads me to be cautious.

The one with the name CHIEF DULL KNIFE below is available through both the Bureau of Ethnology and the Photo section of the War Department; but is evidently from some published work, which I am unable to identify. The other is supposed to be Dull Knife's reply when told that he must remove to the Indian Territory; but I imagine that this is a newspaper or magazine illustration.

If these are not authentic, can you tell me whether or not it is possible to secure a suitable photograph of this Indian?

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,



ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

March 16, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

I missed Mr. Barber when I called to leave your autographed copy of TWO GREAT SCOUTS; but I can express his appreciation in being able to add it to his library.

Enclosed is my makeup proof of that part of Mitchell's map of 1755, which I showed to you, as part of the original, much larger, map the other day. This I have had redrawn and engraved; it is to be used in Motor Travel, probably next month, and if interested will see that you have a copy. Meanwhile would be glad to have this returned for current use. Hope you find that my draftsman has done a good job.

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Should you be able to conveniently return that little print of the elder Pata La Sharo, left with you the other night--with any reference that would assist me in looking up something about it--my obligation will be still further increased. I had some notes on that one; but shall be glad to make and send you one to keep, if desired. *lt. back 7*

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

March 2, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

A few days ago I wrote to Capt. North that when these portfolios are completed, I would make a tentative suggestion to Messrs. Barber and Ellison that they club together and contribute a third one to the Norths. This was based on the fact that both are men of large means and public spirit--and I think they would welcome the opportunity, which of course would in a way recompense Capt. North for his co-operation.

I was never more surprised at anything in my whole life than to receive the enclosed letter from Capt. North this morning. He has, of course, the wrong angle, and while I am writing him by this mail, I would be much pleased if you--after sizing up the situation--would take it up with him, and try to change his opinion. Not only do I want to have this done, if possible, on general principles, but he still has two or three things that ought to go into the collected work--and it would be too bad to have this curious understanding stand in the way of completing my plan.

However, as he seems to be touchy on some things, I suggest that perhaps it would be well to say you talked with me about it rather than having seen his letter; and of course if you wish to talk with me on the matter, I can be reached at Bowling Green 5675.

Yours very truly,



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N. Y. Barber
35 E. 30th St

March 1, 1929.

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I will say that the Sibley material is in the form of a letter written by George C. Sibley, U. S. Indian Agent at Fort Osage (for the Osage and Kaw tribes), written to his father, Dr. John Sibley, who was in charge of Indian affairs in the lower Red river country in Louisiana. So far as I know, this letter has never been published as a whole. I secured a copy of it in two separate parts, from different sources. I have edited and annotated it and hope to see it published sometime within the next two years, together with a map showing the course of his explorations, with a fair degree of accuracy.

His title of "Major" was a courtesy title only, and one that was very commonly applied to Government Indian Agents, even down to a very much more recent period. His father, Dr. John Sibley, had been a medical officer in the Patriot Army during the Revolutionary War.

Dr. Henry Hastings Sibley (the inventor of the Sibley tent) and General Caleb C. Sibley, both of the Federal Voluntary Army during the Civil War, were members of the same family.

The little village of Sibley in Kansas, the town of Sibley in Missouri, and Lake Sibley near Lawrence, Kansas, all have their names from Agent Sibley.

Am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Grinnell.

I am always glad to hear from you,

Sincerely yours,

JBT:G

Robert Bruce,
New York City.

ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

February 20, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Immediately after returning from your house day before yesterday I wrote to Columbus for two prints of that photograph of yourself and Capt. North; and by the end of this week ought to know whether they can be had or not. If they cannot, shall be glad for the loan of that one for long enough to make a copy.

My first thought was to use you also in connection with the captain; then it occurred to me that I have already done this with the Ellison photograph of the party at Fort Patterman in 1926 (?), so think best to use North alone.

1874 I have made another, and slightly larger photograph of the Bear and party; and will leave it when I come for the portfolio, and take away the mounted file copy you now have.

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Thinking it best to call Mr. Barber on the phone to say that the portfolio is for a few days in your hands, Mr. Barber asked me to try and secure a copy of the first edition of your last book, with your autograph, which I said I would try to do. If you will autograph one for Mr. Barber, I will take it away, and forward you his check for \$6 in return. As he is taking care of the expense on the two portfolios, one for himself and the other for Mr. Ellison, I would like to secure that copy of the North Bros. book through you, autographed, if possible.

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

February 23, 1929

My dear Dr. Grinnell:--

By Monday I ought to hear from the photographer at Columbus; but if not think I will call for the portfolio and the photograph you have, as I shall try to close up the portfolio next week. These were intended, as I may have mentioned, for Christmas presents; but the gentlemen concerned will give me all the time I can use to advantage. I have added a number of new features, and have just looked up the Panis on Mitchell's English map of 1755, the earliest I have seen them on any map.

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Last night I spent about 2 hours at the Library trying to trace Sibley's diary, your page 43, &c. No trace of any Maj. Sibley at that period, which agrees with Heitman's Register. The nearest I could come to it was a book by John Sibley (referred to as Dr.), for which the card gives the dates 1757-1837, as the years of the birth and death of this Sibley. The title of the book is,

Discoveries made in Exploring the Missouri River,
Red River, etc.; and this has references
making me think he might have been with Pike.

However, as this book is in the Reserve, closed at 5 P.M., and not open on Sundays, I was unable to consult it. Thinking perhaps the above may carry some suggestion to you, as to identification of that work, I would very much like, if possible and convenient, to copy those paragraphs out of the original. I am closely kept here during the day from the fact that I work alone, and do not want to miss any callers or telephone calls.

My plan will be to call a little before 5 P.M. on Monday unless in the meantime I receive a call from your Secretary changing that plan.

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

June 1, 1929

Dr. George Bird Grinnell

238 E. 15th St.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:--

I have been contributing historical articles to Motor Travel for more than 16 years; and at first had no thought of running in the Pawnee subject--in fact never saw a Pawnee Indian, and hardly thought I should be able to do as well as readers of the magazine seem to think I have done. Primarily it was to get the matter set in the "boxed inserts" throughout the three articles which have so far appeared for the Barber-Ellison portfolios, as hand work was seen to be too expensive, despite Mr. Barber's assertion that the cost need not stand in the way of doing the work any way I pleased.

Holding type matter at the printers is expensive, and I have not felt like assuming that responsibility, primarily for matter designed to work into portfolios to fill that order from Mr. Barber. Consequently the type has been distributed, somewhat to my regret as the April issue is already entirely out of print; and I would gladly buy up copies of that issue if they could be located. I may be obliged to reset and publish the series, like Custer's Last Battle; but that would require setting everything new, and I hesitate to do that on my own initiative, as my arrangement with Mr. Barber covers only the portfolios. Will let you know the final decision.

Yours very truly,



P.S. The most important and value material I have will not, ~~or~~ could not, appear in the magazine;; being photoprints of letters, documents, &c, of which I have assembled several times as many as those shown to you some months ago.



F. M. LOCKARD

GOODLAND, KANSAS

June

15-1929

Geo Bird Grinnell
New York

Dear Sir

The Winfield Freeman article on Beecher
Island can be found in Vol 6. Historic
Collections at page 346

so far as I know the historical society have
published nothing else on the subject except

Diary of Whitney

The battle on Sappa creek you can find
in Vol 10 - Page 368

you will also find it in Col Wheeler Book
under the same head
but the story is only partly told. There
was 10 Buffalo Hunters there, only three
are mentioned in the report cited

7 of those Hunters remained there after
the troops left and stayed until they
had killed the last Indian including
women & children my Brother in Law
was there at the time and is still living
I intend to write that story some time
it was a Brutal murder

ROBERT BRUCE
18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

June 19, 1929

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th St.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:--

The June issue is in press; and I believe you will find it better than any of the previous chapters.

However, on account of the material on hand, and my being limited again to four pages--though they are quite large--I shall be obliged to carry the subject also into the July issue, for which preparations are now being made.

Enclosed is photostat negative of one of the maps made for the final issue, by agreement with Secretary Connelly of the Kansas Historical Society, who loaned me his rough map, from which I have made this apparently good result. The return of this is requested at your convenience, as the positive (white print) has gone to Topeka.

In the reading matter already in press for the June issue, Capt. North remarks that you could tell of the narrow escape while hunting buffalo in 1872. If you should be inclined to dictate a few lines regarding that incident, I might find room for it here; and certainly would if the subject is reprinted--of which I cannot at present say, but will keep the matter carefully in mind.

Yours very truly,



ROBERT BRUCE

18 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY

March 5, 1929

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

It is my plan to go up to your place just before the rush to-night, to return to you that photograph of North and yourself, and show you proofs of some of the several maps I have had made to show the location of the Pawnees at different periods. I am adding other features also.

I am specially anxious that you write to Capt. North in the effort to smooth out what seems to me a wholly unreasonable view of my idea of having Barber and Ellison present him with a set of the documents and letters, pictures, etc. He has two or three things on which I have planned, one of them some comments on the early scouts shown in my photographs from the Smithsonian Institution, which were sent back for some changes; and if he does not send them to me again, the makeup of one of my important pages is broken up.

My idea was, of course, to do him a fine compliment, and I believe it only needs a few words from you to have him see it in that light, and go on with me to the completion of the important work.

Yours very truly,



By the way, I saw Mr. Jerome recently; he is suffering with heart trouble and confined to the house by the doctor's orders--though he looks as rugged as ever. I am sure that he would be glad to see you for old times' sake, if you could find it convenient to call there--944 Park Ave. R.B.

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(at 81st St.)