Great Nemaha Agency
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Sir I enclose herewith a hand Bill giving "Public Notice" to persons settling on the Iowa Reserve and the lands contiguous thereto. the same Notice is published in the St. Joseph Gazett. [redacted] will have to be forced off these lands by the Military I am now convinced, for there are combinations in existance to oppose the Monitory efforts of the Government to prevent persons from settling these lands in violation of the treaties. If the Government intends to support the Indian Department. It should be clothed with ample power to carry out the stipulations of the treaties. The Department will by this time see that an agent who conscientiously aims to perform his duty is met by the insults of those who are put forward to Bully and abuse the agents of the Government because in their effort to perform their duty they see that he has neither the means or the force to carry out the instructions of the Chief of the Indian Department whose efforts seem to be wholly to Maintain the integrity and faith of his branch of the administration.

and whose every act is dictated by an honest conviction. That he is only in the performance of his duty by thus enforceing the Treaties and laws relating to management of Indian affairs and in protecting them in their rights, These difficulties would doubtless not have assumed the character of settled opposition, where it not from the fact that vast numbers have combined for the purpose of occupying these lands regardless of all laws because the responsibility seems to be divided among them and many of these men as individuals would long hesitate to violate the law in so flagrant a manner. who are now led into this course by the association with numbers, and who when thus combined, prep each other on even to the consummation of extream acts, and which, if one man alone had committed would be at once pronounced as dishonest. For Instance, the cutting of valuable timber from lands now held in trust for the Indians & consequently depend its value. Cutting the best trees for miles from the place they have located for speculation. This is now going on and perhaps any one of these men would change dishonesty on any other who should cut much less valuable timber from lands in which they themselves were in the actual occupancy. Some of these men pretend to hold