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SIoux INDIANS, CROW CREEK RESERVATION.

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FEBRUARY 3, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. JONES, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,  
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Mr. KYLE's amendment to H. R. 6896.]

STATEMENT.

When General Crook was here as Sioux commissioner, negotiating with us for our consent to open to settlement a part of our great reservation of the Sioux Nation, and the bill was read to us, we discovered that the number of acres reserved for a permanent reservation for the Indians receiving rations and annuities at the Crow Creek agency was 187,000 less than the number reserved for the people west of the Missouri River, in proportion to our number. For this reason we refused to sign the bill, upon which General Crook and his two assistant commissioners promised to recommend to Congress the payment of \$187,000 in lieu of the 187,000 acres to which we were entitled.

We also notice that no provision is made in the bill for rations and annuities, and we still refuse to sign. Whereupon General Crook promises to recommend the extension of the treaties of 1868 and 1877 for fifty years.

We still refused to sign unless both of these promises were made in the form of a written contract.

General Crook then asked us if we would sign a conditional written contract in these words:

"Unless the Government pay us in cash in our hands \$187,000, in lieu of the 187,000 acres of land reserved less for us and extend the treaties of 1868 and 1877 for the term of fifty years (this to be in addition to Sioux bill), our names will be taken from the contract and our reservation (Crow Creek) shall lie unopen to settlement."

This agreement was first signed by General Crook, his two assistant commissioners, and our agent, W. W. Anderson, then by Chief White Ghost and the remainder of the tribe; this being the only paper signed by us concerning the opening of the reservation. Some time after this conditional contract was signed our reservation was opened to settlement, but the \$187,000 has never been paid to us. It grieves us greatly that the Government has not lived up to this contract."

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