

—one Good & one Bad.⁷⁰ They Genaley Get thare wife By Contract with the Parans. They are Verey Gellas [jealous] of thare women. It Sumtimes Hapens that a Man will take his Nighbors Wife from him But Both are Oblige to Quit the tribe thay Belong to But it is Seldum you can Hear of Murders Cummitted among them. They have Punneshment for thefts among themselves. They Sumtimes Retelate by taking as Much Property from the Ofender if thay Can find it But I Seldum Hurd of thefts among themselves whatever thay Mite Due to others. When thay are Marching or Rideing Over the Planes thay Put on a Garment Like an Outside Vest with Slevs that Cum Down to thare Elboes Made of Soft Skins and Several thicknesses that will turn an arrow at a Distant—and a target two and a half feet in Diameter of the Same Matearal and thickness hung Over thare Sholders that Gards thare Backs. When thare is a Number of them to Gather Going in front of thare Band thay Make a War like apearans. The Planes where these People wander is about four hundred Miles Brod East & West—three hundred North & South. They Make all thare Close of Differant Skins. These Parts Produce a Number of Otters which Keep in Ponds and Riveleats on these Planes and Sum Beavers but the Land Anamels are the Mane Object [of] the Natives.

The Spring is now advansing fast.

The Chefes Cuming with a Number of the Natives to Go with me to Mackenac to Sea and Hear what thare farther Had to Say——⁷¹

⁷⁰On the subject of their religion consult J. O. Dorsay, "Study of Dakota and Assiniboin Cults," in U. S. Bureau of Ethnology *Report*, 1889-90, pp. 431-544; and Edward D. Neill, *Minnesota* (Minneapolis, 1882), pp. 54-60.—Ed.

⁷¹The remainder of the narrative was destroyed.—Ed.