

ANDREW JOHNSON,

President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability and Discretion of Genl. Alfred Sully, Genl. J. B. Sanborn, Genl. W. B. Bejard, Col. Eli S. Porter, Judge J. F. Simms, M. J. P. Beaumont, I do appoint them to be Special Commissioners, to visit the Indians in the Neighborhood of Fort Phil Kearney and to Council with them under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior and do authorize and empower them to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to Law: and to hold the said Office with all the rights and emoluments therunto legally appertaining unto them the said Commissioners during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, ~~and until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States~~ and no longer.

In Testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the Department of the Interior to be hereunto affixed.
GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington the Eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Ninety-first.

Andrew Johnson

By the President:

W. A. Brown
Secretary of the Interior

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Mr. Genl. J. B. Sanborn