

“The Crow country is in exactly the right place. It has snowy mountains, sunny plains, all kinds of climates and good things for every season. When the summer heat scorches the prairies you can draw up under the mountains where the air is sweet and cool, the grass fresh, and the bright streams come tumbling out of the snow banks. There you can hunt the elk, the deer, and the antelope when their skins are fit for dressing. There you will find plenty of white bears and mountain sheep. In the autumn, when your horses are strong and fat from the mountain pastures, you can go down into the plains and hunt the buffalo or trap beaver in the streams. And when winter comes on you can take shelter in the woody bottoms along the rivers. There you will find buffalo meat for yourselves and cottonwood bark for your horses. Or you may winter in the Wind River valley where there is salt weed in abundance. The Crow country is exactly at the right place. Everything good is to be found there. There is no country like the Crow country.”

Washington Irving, “Account of the country as rendered by Arapooish, a Crow chief, to Mr. Robert Campbell, of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company.” In *The Adventures of Captain Bonneville, U.S.A. in the Rocky Mountains and Far West* (New York: G. P. Putnam and Son, 1868).

Crow Chief Eelápuash Speech to Rocky Mountain Fur Company