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## Original Text

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“. . . it will be expected that each nation will be held responsible for depredations committed within its territory, unless it can be clearly shown that the people of some other nation committed them, and then that nation will be held responsible.”

Commissioner David D. Mitchell, quoted in a newspaper account of the treaty proceedings published in a St. Louis newspaper, the *Missouri Republican*, October 27, 1851

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This treaty guarantee of protection promised a dramatic change in policy and action. “Protection” by the United States had not previously been afforded to tribal nations as the westward movement invaded Native homelands, decimated the bison, and brought disease that killed up to eighty percent of some Native communities.