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## Paraphrased Text

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In order to be fair to each nation, it is proposed that your lands shall be divided into geographical districts—that the land and its boundaries shall be defined by the rivers, mountains, and lines that will show what district each nation claims and where they are located. In doing this it is not intended to take any of your lands away from you, or to destroy your rights to hunt, or fish, or travel through the country, as you have always done.

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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David D. Mitchell was a treaty commissioner for the 1851 Horse Creek (Fort Laramie) Treaty. In this account of treaty proceedings, reported in a St. Louis newspaper, Mitchell states that the intent is not to take lands away from Native Nations.