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“The ears of your Great White Father are always open to the complaints of his Red Children. He has heard and is aware that your buffalo and game are driven off, and your grass and timber consumed by the opening of roads and the passing of emigrants, through your countries...But at the same time that he is willing to make just compensation for injuries you may receive, he expects and will exert the right of free passage for his white children over the roads running through your countries.”

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

Americans in the East were eager for news of treaty proceedings with Native Nations of the West.