
Paraphrased Text

The president of the United States is always open to hearing the complaints of American Indians. He has heard and is aware that your buffalo and game have been driven off, and your grass and timber used by the opening of roads and the passing of emigrants through your countries . . . But at the same time that he is willing to pay you fairly for damages you may receive, he expects and will use the right of free passage for white Americans 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.