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“The discussions at Washington, D.C., in May and June had been unsuccessful, but officials still hoped to effect an arrangement whereby, in return for cash payment and other considerations, the Sioux would cede the Black Hills or at least consent to the presence of American citizens on their land.”

Wayne R. Kline, ed., *The Black Hills Journals of Colonel Richard Irving Dodge* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press), 10

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Colonel Richard Irving Dodge was one of several officers sent to the Black Hills post to expel unauthorized people in the area.