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THEY LOOK FOR SOMETHING COMPLICATED, SOMETHING WONDERFUL, AS THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION WHICH HAS PUZZLED THE WISEST HEADS FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. [[paragraph symbol]] THE QUESTION, I BELIEVE, IS "WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE INDIAN?" ONE PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TRY TO SOLVE IT BY CRYING "EXTERMINATE HIM." THE ANSWER TO SUCH PEOPLE IS, THAT HE HAS A CREATOR WHO WILL AVENGE HIS EXTERMINATION. THE OTHER PART CRY "CIVILIZE HIM."

FORTHWITH THEY GO TO WORK, TELL HIM THAT HIS LAND SHALL BE HIS "AS LONG AS THE GRASS GROWS AND THE WATERS RUN." WE ALL KNOW THAT "THE GRASS GROWS AND THE WATERS RUN" ONLY AS LONG AS IT PLEASES THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. THEY SAY TO HIM "YOU MUST NOT PASS BEYOND THIS LINE WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THIS

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