

Quote, Paraphrase, Summary

Original Text

Contrast the condition into which all these friendly Indians are suddenly plunged now, with their condition only two years previous: martial law now in force on all their reservations; themselves in danger of starvation, and constantly exposed to the influence of emissaries from their friends and relations, urging them to join in fighting this treacherous government that had kept faith with nobody--neither with friend nor with foe.

Jackson, Helen Hunt. *A Century of Dishonor, a Sketch of the United States Government's Dealings with Some of the Indian Tribes*. New York, Harper, 1881, p. 178.

Quote

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Paraphrase

In her book *A Century of Dishonor, a Sketch of the United States Government's Dealings with Some of the Indian Tribes*, Helen Hunt Jackson points out that after only two years of U.S. Government control, the Indians, who had offered no resistance, were not only subject to martial law and close to starvation, but were being persuaded by friends and family to rebel against the Government that had proved to be untrustworthy, which could have made matters even worse (178).

Summary

Helen Hunt Jackson describes the friendly Indians as being worse off than they were before the U.S. government took control—facing martial law, starvation, and the threat of war (178).