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1. Ta-dó-mon-in. 2. Ma-chú-nsh-zhe. 3. Ma-hé-du-ba. 4. Suette. 5. Vo-zhún-ga-du-  
 ('Walk-in-the-wind.) (Standing Bear.) (Sunshine.) Standing Bear's wife. ('Light of the way.)  
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## Dedication.

TO

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Those who love liberty and intend that their Government shall protect every man on its soil and execute justice between man and man,

*THIS NARRATIVE,*

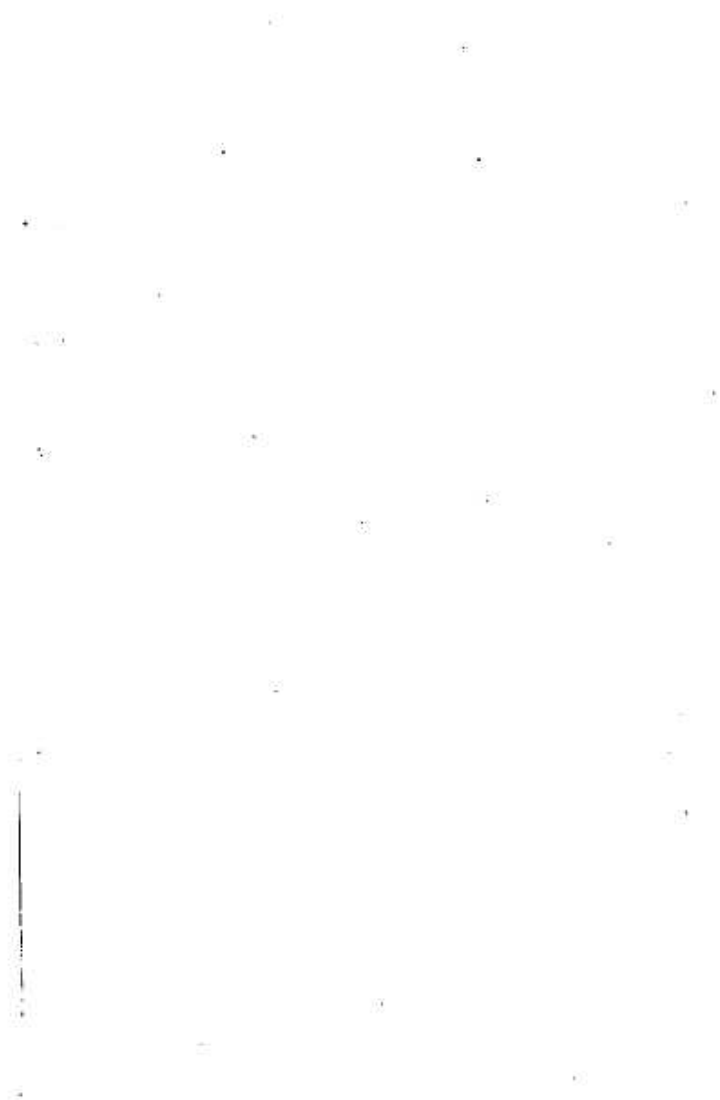
*With an Introduction, written by an Indian Girl,*

of the wrongs suffered at the hands of the Government by the Poncas, in consequence of which one-third of the tribe died within the last eighteen months, and the rest have endured and still endure cruel and wasting oppression.

*IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,*

as a fair specimen of the system of injustice, oppression, and robbery which the Government calls "*its Indian Policy*," which has covered it with disgrace as incompetent, cruel, faithless, never keeping its treaties, and systematically and shamelessly violating its most solemn promises; has earned the contempt and detestation of all honest men and the distrust and hate of the Indian tribes.

WENDELL PHILLIPS.



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