

I spoke to the Agent about giving up my position as I feared I should not be able to spend much time in the camp on account of my health, but considering the influence which he thinks I possess with the tribe he is not willing to release me neither is the Commissioner of Indian Affairs even though I should be necessitated to remain mostly at the agency, unless they could find some one to take my place that has some experience with the Indians & their ways.

As there are a few things of interest connected with my last trip to their camp I will send you a little account of it, when the subject was mentioned by the Agent to Kick ing Bird he did not appear to want me to go out but after counselling with Stumbling Bear & Sun Boy two influential chiefs they were satisfied for me to go with them. After arriving at Rainy Mountain Creek I ascertained why they had been so reluctant to take me along with them, which perhaps I can communicate in no better way than the following extract from my diary of the 15th inst. "Shortly after going into camp, - three of the chiefs in talking together (& to me) spoke of the Comanches not being friendly to my being in the Kiowa camp, & that they might be disposed, if they saw me out anywhere, to put me out of the way, telling me I might see some of them tomorrow. Sun Boy rising up bade me follow him, which I did, We went some distance into the thick brushy wood, where he had caused his medicine shield to be placed by a large oak tree; there stopping, he bade me remove the covering from it, which consisted of a blanket, I did so, & found