

Kiowa Agency  
Fort Hill Ind, Dec, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1874

My Dearly loved & Precious Wife & Children  
Again at the Agency where I arrived  
last evening, having been absent a week, I  
found a good letter from home also one from  
Patty & was very glad to hear of your being no  
worse off as relates to health, I was not very  
well this time out, & came in a day or two  
sooner than I should have done on that acct.

I find it utterly impossible to find  
out what the Indians intend doing the coming  
summer, or yet what Government intends doing  
so far as we are concerned, The Indian Wars  
you read about in the paper has no bearing  
upon these Indians here other than as the  
Whites consider an Indian is an Indian  
the same as they consider a White is a White  
but these difficulties are many hundred  
miles from us.

As my health continues so poor I am  
looking toward making a change in some  
way. But the Agent is not here & no change  
of any importance can be made in his absence.  
Even if a change is made with me I may  
not come home at once, as I Pat<sup>r</sup> think  
I would - if released take a little time  
to search out some facts or items for  
the <sup>better</sup> information of the people respecting  
these tribes & the treatment they have received  
from the Whites for some years past, which  
might occupy me for a month or more,  
but, yet I cannot tell what is ahead either  
for me or the Indians. We are expecting  
the Agent this week, but not his wife, or