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who were absent, & to make information reliable as to the daily whereabouts of the Kiowas. The Comanches shall be reduced to the same daily inspection as soon as possible, & the government is pledged to use its force to compel the Comanches to surrender not less than five of the recent raiders of their tribe, to take the place of Satanta & Big Tree.

The Governor in his speech alluded to the promises of the <sup>general</sup> government to these Indians, the faithful adherence of the Kiowas to their agreement & turned the chiefs over to the tribe, (without a pardon) who immediately returned to the Agents Office from whence Satanta returned to the Kiowas Camp.

The reunion of these chiefs with their tribe & families was impressive & affecting, in the extreme, joy beamed upon every countenance & their happiness was exhibited as might have been expected in the most wild natural manner.

In the afternoon the Commissioner held a council in the Agents Office, in which he spoke of the solemn engagements the Comanches entered into last spring when their women & children were returned to them, that henceforth they would keep the peace with the whites, & not raid any more in Texas.

They had violated their pledge, raided stolen horses - & committed murders there & now they must give him five