

them, viz: "Little Robe's Band."

Gen. Marcy states that he had to "prevail" on the commanding officer at Fort Dodge, Kansas to send assistance to a train coralled above the Cimarron Crossing. I respectfully state that Gen. Marcy called me into my private room, where he was writing a letter, and read to me a part of the contents, wherein I was complimented for my prompt response to a suggestion of his in reference to the train alluded to-- his whole anxiety regarding the train (and I can prove what I say) appeared to be that the proprietor was a friend of his or Gen. Carleton--Gen. Marcy told me how much obliged they would be to me if I assisted them in any way, how wealthy they were, etc., and his conversation was apparently without any reference whatever to the principle. I responded, more from the respect in which I held the position of Gen. Marcy, than from any conviction as to the propriety. He told the officer I sent he was going on a very perilous expedition. I told him he would not see an Indian--he did not, and was gone six days or more.

Gen. Marcy also states that the train might have been captured if he had not left a "part of his escort." The part of his escort consisted of five men and a corporal and belonged to my command. There were 31 men besides these with the train, well armed. The Indians made no demonstration of the train whatever after Gen. Marcy left here. The great danger the train was in exists only in an unduly excited imagination and it was a difficult matter to prevail upon them to leave their position.

Gen. Marcy in assuming from the Aggregate of a Consolidated report, that that same aggregate is entirely available for every contingency, makes an error common to a very superficial investigation. Had I known that there would have been any issue in the matter, I am certain that I could have shown him that his assertion, that I could with my aggregate force have kept the road open (in his view of the matter) is very incorrect.

Gen. Marcy says "with a military force of four companies and over 200 armed civil employees, it seems to me that Major Douglas, the commanding officer, should