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scouting duty; they are inconvenient and cumbersome, there are too many buckles, straps, slides and other gear to suit a cavalry soldier.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Joseph Kerin
Captain, 6th U. S. Cav.
Comdg. Co. "F"

Fort Dodge, Kansas
Nov. 28th, 1873

Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Kansas

Sir,

In compliance with S. O. #172, c.s., from Headquarters, Fort Dodge, Kansas, I have the honor to report that I left this post on the morning of the 21st inst. on scout in order to comply with the requirements contained in the above cited order.

I arrived at "Little Raven's" Indian Camp at the mouth of Bluff Cr. at 10:30 a.m. on the 23rd inst., at which place I conferred with the Indian chiefs, "Little Raven", "Bird Chief", and "Red Toe".

"Little Raven" reported that he had fifty lodges of Arapahoes with him; that he had only established his camp at the mouth of Bluff Cr. for a few days; that he came into Kansas because there were so many buffalo hunters south of the State Line in the Indian Territory and that he thought he had a right to hunt in Kansas as long as there were so many white men hunting in the Indian Territory. He further stated that he had no objection to returning to the Territory and that he had intended to do so on the first warm day as there were no buffalo in the country and he would be obliged to go further South in order to get meat for his tribe. He also stated that he had sent out two of his men each in different directions to the South West to look for buffalo, and that they were then due at his Camp, and that without doubt they would return on that or the following day after which