

In these reports, as well as in the endorsement of the general of the army forwarding them to the secretary of war, special mention is made of our action as commendable and of that of the Indian

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police as marked by bravery and fidelity in this affair to which your attention is particularly invited.

Very respectfully,

John W. Noble,

Secretary."

The enclosures were the reports of Capt. Fechet, Col. Drum and the endorsement of the division commander, General Nelson A. Miles, the latter strongly commending the bravery and good judgement of Capt Fechet and his command and the courage of the Indian Police. With the reports and endorsement was the following:

Headquarters of the Army,

Washington, Jan. 5, 1891.

"Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War with the suggestion that a copy be furnished to the Department of the Interior with special reference to the commendation of the conduct of Agent James McLaughlin and the bravery of the Indian police, which I cordially concur.

J. M. Schofield

Major General Commanding."

This should dispose of the stories that were widely circulated at that time concerning the attitude of the army officers toward me as Indian agent, but I am moved to add some extracts from a letter written later that year by Capt. Jesse M. Lee, U. S. A. now Major General, retired, to Col. Drum, and by the latter handed to me; I cherish it very highly as I had not the honor of Capt. Lee's personal acquaintance until only a few months prior to this time. The Captain had a wide knowledge of Indian affairs and knew the