

April 29th

Gen. Wm. M. Belknap,
 Secretary of War,
 Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to
 enclose for your information copies of dis-
 patches between Col. Richard S. Dodge late Mil-
 itary Commandant at Fort Dodge and myself
 in relation to the arrest of certain parties at Dodge
 City, Kansas on June last, who were believed to be
 implicated in the murder of an innocent colored
 man at that place together with a copy of a letter
 from Col. Dodge in relation to an action lately
 brought against him for damages for false imprisonment
 by one of the persons arrested with a printed notice
 thereof.

The town of Dodge City was at the time in the
 extreme frontier, in an unorganized County at the