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The above figures show that the supplies furnished are just about sufficient for eight months.

The additional 25% of beef and flour that may be called for on the contracts will supply the deficiency in these articles, shown above, but the appropriation for the civilization and subsistence of these Indians together with those at Fort Sill and the Wichita Agency is only \$240.000, and the indebtedness already incurred for this Agency alone amounts to over \$135.000 which with the fact that the price of beef is much higher for this year than last may put it beyond the power of the Commissioner to furnish further supplies without an additional appropriation. While it is well known that the supply will be inadequate for the year, it is, and has at all times been irregular since the 1st of July and until September 1 the Indians have had little else than beef. A full issue of flour, has been made twice. The Indians are subjected to many aggravations and men of mere gentle nature would not be slow to complain.

It seems proper for me to present all the facts for the consideration of the Department Commander, that he may urge, through the War Department a more kind and human treatment of these savages. If necessary, that the attention of the President be called to this subject that he may lay the matter before Congress..

Our recent experience shows the necessity of making good our agreement with the Indians sent to the Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
J.K. Mizner
Major 4th Cavalry
Commanding

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