adults of the Northern Cheyennes, was ordered. All those who had affiliated with the Southern Cheyennes, promptly obeyed this order, but these discontents refused to report, making all manner of excuses, sending daily representatives, as bearers of messages, until the 9th inst, when they demanded a modification of the order.

In addition to frequent conferences with the Chiefs, myself, I sent Mr. Coonigton Agency Farmer, on the 7 and 8 Insts. to their camps who urged upon them the necessity of promptly complying wit the orders for enrollment, assuring them it would affect only those found absent; that our whole purpose was merely to find how many, if any, had left, that measures could be taken to effect their return and those remaining would be in no way injured, but left their liberty as usual. Every measure was taken in conjunction with yourself to secure compliance with this necessary order, in a firm but friendly manner, but without effect, and on the night of the 9 Inst. they escaped from their camp which they had strongly intrenched, leaving their lodges and tepees standing.

Some of their young men were heard to say "We are sickly and dying here and no one will speak our names when we are gone--we will go North at all hazards and if we die in battle, our names will be remembered and cherished by all our people".

Very respectfully
Jno D. Miles
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