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ciency of Indian Supplies at his Agency and that the detailed promises made to this band of Northern Cheyennes to induce them to come south to the Indian Territory have not been kept even in the matter of the daily articles of food which they were to receive.

I perceive that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is represented to deny these facts, but it is to be presumed that the enclosed written statement of the Indian Agent in charge of these Indians, may induce him to question the accuracy of his reported denial.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Jno. Pope
Brevet Major General. U.S.A. Comdg.

October 15, 1878

Bourke, John G.
1 Lieut. 3rd Cav. A.D.C.

Makes report of operations of troops under command of Major Thornburgh to intercept the Cheyenne Indians who left their Agency near Ft. Reno I.T.

Original find to adj. Oct 21, 78

Headqrs. Dept. of the Platte
Omaha Barracks, Neb.
Oct. 15th, 1878

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on the 21st ult. I accompanied the Department Commander to Sidney, Neb. at which point I received verbal instructions to remain with Major Thornburgh's command, then organizing to repel the advance of the Cheyenne Indians.

General Crook instructed Major Thornburgh to send out scouts towards the South Platte and to notify ranchmen living in the country through which the hostile