

false, and can only be sustained by down right false swearing, and this the above three men will not scruple to do, though there will be but little difficulty in impeaching their testimony, the charge of selling a quart is simply ridiculous. An Officer might as an act of hospitality have given an Indian visiting his quarters a drink as Gen Sheridan has done, as some of the Place Commissioners did, but the charge of giving a quantity even a pint is absurd.

We We Officer in the Dept can be more zealous in their endeavors to supply the traffic of Ardent Spirits to Indians than those against whom these charges are preferred, and it is simply their devotion to duty in this respect, that has involved them in the present difficulty, revenge was the sole motive of the men preferring these charges, this they openly avowed, hoping no doubt to prevent the action of the Officers in their Cases, failing in this the moment their own trial was concluded they carried their threat into execution, they had only to go before the Grand Jury and make oath, and without further ceremony the Officers were arrested. If they are to be believed at all, they swore with characteristic recklessness; one of them Jones, swore that he saw Major Douglas drink with Satanta (a Kiowa Chief) in the billiard room, that Major Douglas had Carnal connection with a Squaw under the table, then got on the table and had a general dance all around. A witness was asked the following questions by the Grand Jury, based no doubt on the information of these worthies. Did you ever see Major Douglas and Luit Wallace wallowing with squaws and plying their husbands with liquor to secure their non-interference?

But there are certain coincidences connected with the management of the malice of these men, which leads to a deliberate conviction that another spirit equally malicious and if any thing more vindictive, exercised an influence over these elements to mould them to his own purpose. Wheeler as I said before was a business partner of Rev. A. J. White the Post Chaplain, White was Wheeler's Counsellor and advisor, he was in arrest at the time under grave charges, the principal witnesses to these charges were Bvt Maj. Page, Luit. Wallace and Myself; - Jones "Apache Bill" and Nowell directed their malice against Luit Wallace and Myself, but why was Major Page indicted, he had in-curred their rancour, yet he was indicted equally with Myself owing to a certain official act of his affecting the business interests of chaplain White and E. P. Wheeler, those individuals were his avored enemies and though

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I have no positive proof of it, I am firmly convinced that Major Page was indicted at the instance and by the advice of the chaplain in order to injure his testimony at his own trial as far as possible. My opinion in this respect was confirmed by his conduct at his trial, he objected to Major Page as a member of the Court because he was indicted and threw contempt on the testimony of Luit Wallace and Myself, for the same reason, his position as a witness in the case of Wheeler and "Apache Bill" gave ample opportunity to effect the desired end, and at Topeka he was in constant communion with the witnesses against us. It is perfectly clear to every Officer at this Post that the chaplain influenced those men to procure the indictments of such as were required to give evidence in his own case, in order to vitiate their testimony.

We are not afraid to meet these men before any Court in the Country, but notwithstanding the War Department has allowed us cannse the trial must necessarily be expensive, aside from this however it is but poor encouragement to an Officer to know that by the faithful discharge of his duty in arresting