

Anadarko - (Wichita Agency) 2nd Mo 17th 1874

My Dear & Ever Precious Wife & Children

You will perceive that I am neither in camp nor yet at the Agency I came here yesterday, & am now sitting alone in the Agents private Office, in order to address a few lines to my absent yet ever present family. My health still continues to improve so that with the exception of an occasional sickness at the stomach, - which by the way is nothing like as severe as it has been, I feel pretty well. I think I may say that a better feeling is growing among the Indians both the Kiowas & Comanches, but if they should be turned over to the military as there is some prospect of being done, it will be bad for them, & I fear bad for many others. It will not take the soldiers long to undo all that has been done for their elevation & civilization. We could get along better with the Indians if there were no soldiers in the land, to provoke & aggravate them, only last 14th day while a number of Kiowas ^{who were in after rations} were encamped on Cache Creek about 8 miles from the fort several of the private soldiers went to their camp & had conversation with some of the Women, who not talking as suited the wishes of the soldiers, they drew their revolvers on them threatening to shoot them, & to what length they might have gone had not