

Kiowa Agency
Fort Hill Ind, Dec, 3rd Mo 25th 1874

My Dearly loved & Precious Wife & Children
Again at the Agency where I arrived
last evening, having been absent a week, I
found a good letter from home also one from
Patty & was very glad to hear of your being no
worse off as relates to health, I was not very
well this time out, & came in a day or two
sooner than I should have done on that acct.

I find it utterly impossible to find
out what the Indians intend doing the coming
summer, or yet what Government intends doing
so far as we are concerned, The Indian Wars
you read about in the paper has no bearing
upon these Indians here other than as the
Whites consider an Indian is an Indian
the same as they consider a White is a White
but these difficulties are many hundred
miles from us.

As my health continues so poor I am
looking toward making a change in some
way. But the Agent is not here & no change
of any importance can be made in his absence.
Even if a change is made with me I may
not come home at once, as I think
I would if released take a little time
to search out some facts or items for
the ^{better} information of the people respecting
these tribes & the treatment they have received
from the Whites for some years past, which
might occupy me for a month or more,
but yet I cannot tell what is ahead either
for me or the Indians. We are expecting
the Agent this week, but not his wife, or