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Diary of J. L. Hill
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27th day March. (Clear & pleasant)
 The occurrence with what
 I believe to be a small party of
 at least one hundred and fifty
 taking my date to endeavor to
 go among them, with several
 Indians, who will not come under
 the influence of the United States
 military, but continue to commit
 depredations upon white settlements.
 Several small boys, including
 three or four, & taking children as
 captives, early last morning talked
 with Mr. Ricketts, one of the principal
 chiefs of the tribe, for the purpose
 of going among them to inquire their
 children. Mr. Ricketts had an opportunity
 with Mr. Ketchum, then agent
 who appeared of the concerns were
 related, opening the subject to the
 Superintendent of Indian Affairs
 by whom the necessary arrangements
 would have to be made for my going
 among them. But the traders
 say they with parties of other traders
 whom they could induce to join them
 would lead at least thirty white persons
 & take several hundred miles
 taken captives about two girls & a
 by, & ascertain that they spent
 some time among my going to
 the opening of the country
 to one of the Com. who came
 & inquiring about the same thing.

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