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12th Kicking Bird's encampment is situated upon Ft. Cobb creek some 6 miles above Ft. Cobb, in the midst of a shrubby growth of timber. I think there are about 40 lodges in the camp, all constructed upon the same plan as the one described as Pacer's, with plenty of good wood & water right at hand.

3rd 3rd day Remained about the camp, some Comanches & a good many Kiowas from other encampment came in, to hear Kicking Bird's talk. I wrote down the Kiowa numerals up to one thousand & some other words.

Clear & Pleasant

4th 4th day Warm but Cloudy. About the camp all day wrote down a good many Kiowa words, was in the War chief's lodge during most of the P.M. & evening, several chiefs being present, as well as several of the braves.

I could not make out the drift of the discussion but one of the braves, who had been particularly friendly to me, was very loud in his talk & violent in his gestures so much so that Kicking Bird several times took hold of his arm. The other chiefs all appeared to disapprove of his discourse.

Kicking Bird said to me he papoose, he no say (he shield, he no understand)

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12th Evening Kicking Bird told me, "Tomorrow, I let you have good Kiowa pony, fast, one Kiowa Indian, you go to Agent quick. Kiowas, come, come, come, (motioning with his hand from different camps,) I stay, talk, talk, talk, smoke heap, may-be, so good talk, I come to Agent quick."

Although I could understand his words I could not comprehend his full import, perhaps he would rather I was in a more safe place until he can have a talk with those chiefs who are known to be hostile.

At bed time I retired to the Lodge to sleep, while the chiefs & braves continued their council perhaps about complying with the requisitions of the government in returning stolen horses, mules &c.

5th 5th day Sprinkled some last night. Cloudy. This morning Kicking Bird wished me to write to the Agent that he talk, talk, talk, heap, to all Kiowas about the mules, & that they come in slow make so he could not get in for 2 or 3 days. But the mules coming in we got started for the Agency in the afternoon. Travelled fast to the Apache camp where we spent the night.

6th 6th day Cloudy. Rained a little last night. Got started early & rode fast, until about