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12<sup>th</sup> noon when we arrived at the Agency tired but in good health & having a good appetite, so far at least as relates to myself.

I might now say that I have been treated with the greatest of attention & kindness though, no doubt but that many of them look upon my being among them with a good deal of mistrust, fearing that I may be sent as spy or something of that kind. P. M. Assisted in distributing the annuities took supper at Gov. Smiths

Last night a poor Mexican Woman escaped from the Duakadas (who have now come in to get their annuities were camped not far from the Agency, & sat in the Agents porch until the family were stirring & then came in made her situation known & was duly cared for.

She was captured by them about 2 years since, & has been much abused by them, & she told them that she should leave them, they told her if she did she would be killed, for if she went to the Agent he would kill her & if they got her again they would kill her, & she affecting to feel very badly

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12<sup>th</sup> <sup>that as</sup> told them she could not sleep she would herd the ponies, <sup>& mules</sup> for them, which so well agreed with their propensity for laziness, that her proposal was allowed, but after they were asleep she left the stock to take care of themselves, while she should do likewise. She is a smart appearing young woman probably about 20 years of age, has been clothed fitted out & this evening I sent off by the stage for home. On my arrival at the Agency I found a letter from my beloved family No 8

17<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day Clear & Pleasant

Hundreds of Indians around, I assisted in issuing annuities in The Duakadas are watching to get a glimpse of the escaped captive woman as were also yesterday, but the Agent told them she had gone where they would see her no more. They need not be afraid of meeting her as they would not see her, they then wanted to be paid for her, but this was refused them & they were told had they brought her in they would have been entitled to one of the prisoners. Mr Kinsey carried into Texas, but now they would receive nothing & so after hanging around all day, they left.