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I had sought a place by the fire in Kicking Bird's lodge where a fire had been kept all night, & as I grew warm I had near fainted away however I got my tent warmed up about noon, & had school in the P.M. about a dozen scholars in attendance

30th 5th day Clear & cold but warmer than yesterday

I find this morning that the Caddoes have through their ^{own} superstitions so wrought upon the superstitions of the Kiowas that unless it can be counteracted, my school will not be likely to amount to much in the future, they have told them that I am a medicine man & have made their children sick by my arts in jugglery, stating that two of their children, - one a young man had been "blown" by me, & both died, - though one of them lived 2/3 of a year after coming to school to me & had the consumption several months before coming. The fact of so many of their children - bare footed, - bare legged & bare armed, & bare breasted & bare headed, - being ^{even forced} allowed to run out of doors during the

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first day of this awful storm, & getting ^{the night} ^{drunk} ^{to} ^{get} ⁱⁿ ^{which} ^{they} ^{had} ^{to} ^{sleep} ⁱⁿ ^{it} then becoming so fearfully cold, is in my estimation a sufficient reason for the present sickness, but they can see no other reason for the present, than that given by the Caddoes, I should not have mentioned these things but to show what absurdities are so fully believed in by them that instances are not uncommon among all these wild people of the suspected individual suffering death at their hands as the result of their superstitions. Even George Washington, - the most enlightened of the Caddoe Chiefs, & a man of more than ordinary natural abilities, - having 2 or 3 farms, several hundred head of cattle & hogs, & a store, rides in a \$2.00 carriage & killed his own father with his own hand, because he suspected him of ^{committing} ^{his} ^{crime} ^{on} ^{his} ^{neck}; when he had had the second he told the old man his suspicions, & further informed him that if he had any more he should shoot him, which he did upon its gathering again, & even now justifies himself by stating it to have been in self defence as his father would have killed him had he by this slow but sure & painful method, had he not shot him