

4<sup>th</sup> Mo, 1873

Tent since having it made smaller, very much, & think it will be more convenient especially about moving, besides less liable to damage from high winds.

18<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> days Clear & Pleasant  
Kicking Bird went to a Kiowa Camp on the Washita River, while I put my tent in living order, & Dined upon boiled corn & buffalo feet. Supper on Antelope.

19<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> days Clear & Pleasant  
Took a long walk but the plains are very mountainous, Kicking Bird returned in the afternoon & Camped with him.

20<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> days Clear & Pleasant  
after Breakfast I sauntered off, some 2 or 3 miles, to a very secluded spot hoping to have a little bit of quiet seclusion but my retreat was discovered in less than 15 minutes by a party of 5 <sup>Kiowa</sup> young men & women, who insisted upon my going with them in their pleasure hunting penguinations, which I did for several miles. One young woman

persisted in walking by my side, much to the very apparent annoyance of one of the young men, who becoming the subject of much amusement to the whole company, I watched an opportunity of slipping away unobserved, among the brush & took my own course by myself, leaving them to settle the difficulty as best they might, while I returned to the camp.

21<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> days Clear & Pleasant.

This morning although two days before the time orders were given to start for the Agency accordingly the horses & mules were brought in, packed & we were soon under way, halted for refreshments at the old deserted Apache field, where there is a stream of excellent water, which was indeed refreshing to me, as the water where we are encamped is so impregnated with alkali that I could scarcely drink it.

After dinner went on & arrived at the Agency in the edge of the evening after sunset, where I found a letter from brother D. Mott, but none from my family.

22<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> day Cloudy & very windy  
Remained at the Agency