

5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1873

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Rain, Wind, Frost, but  
 with the frost melting away, it  
 is that the ground has become  
 very soft, the water has all  
 at that this morning it is  
 not so hard as the river, so that  
 it may be possible to cross  
 with the boat, the water is  
 somewhat calm. It was the  
 intention to go on to day to the  
 Washita river, where it enters  
 the Territory, but the rain may  
 be likely to stop that purpose  
 must be left to be done some  
 day. I wanted to have  
 visited the Salt Rocks, some  
 miles South East of here, but  
 having while we were encamp  
 ed there, but having no party  
 of my own to ride I could not  
 accomplish it. The Indians  
 say there is a large amount of  
 salt there, but are too lazy to go  
 & get it, & so do pretty much  
 without it. Chided off but  
 not until the subject of remain  
 ing had been put off till  
 another day - most likely  
 another first day travel.

X 15<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day of week. During the  
 latter part of the night, early  
 morning, but not amount  
 to much, all the wind this  
 spring which have been in  
 not amount to us. Frost at

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Not properly understood  
 correct words of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst

During the night but last night  
 & though the large being killed  
 up to a party of their warriors,  
 was killed. The Indians  
 saw another party of Comanche  
 belonging to White Wolf's & Toke  
 similar band, stopped to give  
 the Kiowa soldiers an oppor  
 tunity to join them on a visit  
 to the Kiowa, but they will not  
 join at all. It will indeed  
 be remarkable if they who  
 were always ready either to join  
 or join in such enterprises,  
 should withhold all their influ  
 ence of their old friends & allies  
 the Cheyennes & Comanches, but  
 there is a power that is able to  
 bring under & control their  
 spirits even of those nations  
 who know it not. I feel  
 according to several testimony  
 the Kiows are subject to him  
 but is he not able to turn  
 us from their purposes, then  
 that that is my fear for your  
 and his own.

Chased away, but we had  
 a late start on our removal, some  
 the Washita & Council nearly  
 that for about 200 miles & camp  
 for the night, nearly, except  
 that is the main part to go  
 farther west, in order to see  
 that at buffalo which are