

Diary of F. C. Battey

5th Mo 1873.

22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day Clear & Warm Vol III

Lodges down early, ready for removing, & we got underway about 7 o'clock, traveling toward the South, over many sand hills, covered with a kind of dwarf oak from one to two feet high, until we arrived at the Peepoh (North Fork) farther west than I had hitherto seen it. There was nothing of interest to note, except the great number of Indians, with whom I traveled, & the military order of the march, their warriors marching on both sides, <sup>with</sup> front, & rear guards, effectually preventing any straggling off in any direction, this same military system is maintained by night & by day whether in camp or travelling, & was organized so that they could control their wild young men, & prevent their raiding. There were about two thousand Indians in our caravan to day. Took supper by invitation with an Apache warrior, one Kiowa accompanying me. The Kiowas & Apaches all talk of the Comanches being in Texas raiding; & one Lapan yesterday in conversation with me told me that Tabbaranikas, & White Wolf's bands, joined by a few Penetathkas & Nokonas had been raiding for some time in Texas, & had stolen a good many mules & horses. Dangerous Eagle started for the Agency.

23<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> day Clear & Warm

Started early down the Peepoh soon saw large herds of Buffalo, the warriors prevented any from passing their lines to kill them until after going in to camp when they surrounded a large herd