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of country, allowing the people to kill buffaloes inside of the circle thus made.

Large parties were soon out chasing them, killing many, probably hundreds, long before night returning companies brought in abundance of meat, with many hides. Evening a Mexican belonging to Horseback band of Comanches arrived in camp bearing a written message ^{from the agent} stating that the Governor of Texas had agreed to comply with the request of the President in releasing Sautanta & Big Tree, than which no more pleasing news could have been brought to camp, except that they were already released.

24th 3rd day. Clear most of the day but became cloudy before night. Between nine & ten o'clock A.M. Big Bow came for me to attend a council of the war chiefs, getting upon the horse behind him we rode some distance, to a very large awning formed by sticking cottonwood limbs in the ground in two long rows, laying or tying crosspoles from one side to the other & then stretching large sheets of muslin over them thus making an airy shaded place for the council, this awning was about 100 feet long & some 30 feet in width having under it several hundred Indians.

I explained the letter from the agent to them, relative to the release of Sautanta & Big Tree, and then at their request wrote the result of their deliberations to the agent.