

6th Mo 1873.

It appears that had not this message or one similarly to it been sent to them that the unity of the tribe would have been broken. Kicking Bird, Stumbling Bear, Poor Buffalo, Weather Head, Frotting Wolf, Dangerous Eagle, Crow Neck, Kawtom & perhaps one or two other chiefs, taking to their people would have gone & settled down near the Agency; while the remaining portion of the tribe would have been likely to have thrown off all restraint & have instituted a regular system of raiding in Texas, thus involving themselves in a war with the government, which could but prove disastrous to themselves.

25th 4th day Clear & Pleasant

Took a stroll on the sands of the Pee pok, picked up some rare specimens of crystallized fibrous gypsum. Many out Buffalo hunting today.

26th 5th day Clear & Warm

Breakfasted with Frotting Wolf, of whom I obtained a few specimens of native salt, some of which had been dissolved by the rains & again hardened or crystallized, & some was in the native rock form. Kicking Bird informs me that there is quite a mountain of salt on the Salt Fork of the Red River, similar to these specimens.

The Indians break it up with axes, or get that which has been washed down by the rains, though not over twenty miles distant I can