

7th Feb 1873 — 8th Mar 1873

Although I enjoyed my ride it was very tiresome, & I returned much fatigued, my bowels still continuing much out of order

30th 4th day ~ Alternately Clear & Showery,

Not as strong as yesterday, kept my room pretty much, Last evening several of the Kiowa war chiefs came in, & today the number is fast increasing, coming in for rations. ~ Received a letter from my dear wife also one from Julius Morrison

31st 5th day ~ Alternately, Clear & Showery,
Wrote home No 42

Issue day, many Kiowas in for rations, by whom I ^{learn} gather that the tribe are impatient, & are contemplating making a change in their mode of government, by removing the authority of their civil chiefs to the War Chiefs, a course which can but result in their serious injury, of themselves if not their entire destruction, Of course the Agent will recognize no such change

Their present restlessness is ^{produced} entirely by the failure of government to release their imprisoned chiefs, & then without shadow of reason so far as the conduct of the Kiowas is concerned putting it off from time to time until their stock of confidence & patience is nearly exhausted

1st 6th day, Clear Went to the doctors
Still very weak, can sit up but a part of the time

2nd 7th day Clear Remained at the Drs until near night, then returned to the Agents