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& keeping the Indians quiet. After much talk & some correspondence on the part of the Commissioner with the governor, the latter this evening sent a note to the former, requesting the Indians to meet him at the Post, was stating that the final "answer will be favorable".

8th day, Clear. The Indians assembled early this morning & proceeded to the Post, being determined to have their prisoners even though blood were shed in their rescue. They loaded their Carabines, revolvers &c on the road between the Agency & the Post, in order to be ready for the emergency, with full knowledge of the perilous situation I felt best satisfied, to go with them to the Post.

But arrangements had been made by the Commissioner with the Governor by which the release of the imprisoned chiefs should be immediately secured.

The agreement between the Commissioner & the Governor was substantially as follows.

The Commissioner pledged the government to return them or other chiefs equal to them into the hands of the governor of Texas, if at any time the Kiowas should raid in Texas. Procure a roll call of every male member of the tribe over sixteen years of age, with such frequency as to render it impossible for any warrior to be absent from the reservation without its being known