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are turned over to the military department, & the Agent is directed to cease issuing rations, ^{to them} & to withhold their annuities. Cheevers - a Comanche Chief being in he was sent to the camps to endeavor to have the chiefs come in tomorrow for a council.

12th Novth 2nd day Cloudy but warm, strong South wind. Comanches, many of them came in, & the subject of the Washington dispatch was explained to them, but how it will result it is impossible to foresee. It is not very likely that they will make much of an effort to arrest the men, & it is looked upon by some of them as equivalent to a declaration of war against them. If this arrangement could have been modified so as to issue rations to those Chiefs & their bands who have not raided, & whom it is known have not been committing depredations, & issued their annuities to them, they could then see that the government means to reward well doing & punish those who do wrong. Some of those chiefs have been friendly for many years, but are powerless to cause the arrest & now ~~to~~ withdraw protection from these because of their inability to affect the arrest, & turn them over to the military looks to me to be unjust if not unwise. It is very evident as has been expressed by prominent citizens of Texas that if the present policy, or the policy that has been at work for the past few years could be continued that there would soon be an end to their