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which attested to his character as a man in the savage mind, in his more youthful years, there must have been no less than twenty scalps, hung up together, the long hair of which hung down over my head where I sat eating partaking of his hospitality. His wife is a fine looking little woman, who was undoubtedly captured by him while young, & for ought I know to the contrary the scalps of her parents might have been in the collection noticed. I often had often partaken of food with this old man & his wife before, in warm weather, under an awning out of doors, but had never been inside of his lodge until this morning.

They have a very pretty little girl probably about 8 eight years of age, & I can but hope that the time may soon arrive when such a sight as her father's lodge affords, may will be forever done away in this land.

Yesterday while the young man who looks after Kicking Bird's ponies & mules, was riding in search of some mustang ponies <sup>after having taken my mules to the herd</sup> he passed near the encampment of a party of surveyors one of whom thinking he for some purpose unknown except by himself shot at him with his <sup>cutting</sup> revolver but fortunately missed him, & he escaped unharmed, the Kiowas were much excited about it, & had he been killed, in all probability, the party would have been killed in revenge, & the newspapers at the north would have been flooded

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Kiowas &c &c While no word of explanation would have found a place in the public prints, it is high time that the injuries received & the aggravating circumstances, which call upon the uncultivated minds of these savages, as we call them, for retaliation & provoke their barbarity, was understood, & put stopped. We hear a great deal of the Indian raids in Texas, but seldom do we hear of the robberies & depredations committed by white people from that state against the Indians, which I can attest are numerous & extensive. Hundreds of ponies & mules having been stolen from the Indians of this reservation since the close of the council in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mo last, & in which Governor Davis had the audacity to make the public declaration, "My people have committed no depredations against you" in the face of hundreds of Indians & many white people who knew to the contrary, &

24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day Cleared off & not very cold.

Took a long walk, otherwise remained camp.

25 5<sup>th</sup> day Clear & frosty in the morning but became cloudy about 9 o'clock.

Removed to the Washita river, some eight miles from the camp we left & farther from the Agency. Wrote to Father & Mother Hampton, expecting to send it to the Agency tomorrow by some who talk of going in.