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returned, stating, that the Comanches had determined on the war path at their big council, & He & the chiefs who are associated with him, ^{including their code} are going to move tomorrow, to the old Apache field, rather nearer the Agency & more out of the course of the Comanches & Cheyennes who he reports are joined with them in their determination.

17th

1st day Clear & Warm. Moved to day to Cache Creek, North of ^{the place} the Mts but not as far as I understood Kicking Bird yesterday, they intended to move to. Yesterday received intelligence from Lone Wolf, who has started off to Mexico to get the body of his son, who was killed there last winter, his party, consisting of himself, wife daughter & seven men were met on the staked plains by some Osage Apaches, coming to this reservation, they had entirely headed the Red river, & were at the only watering place on the staked plains.

Kicking Bird says that these plains are entirely destitute of water, trees, or grass, except one small place where there is water & trees, & it takes them 4 days to cross them, It seems by Lone Wolf's going that direction that he would avoid all settlements in Texas as well as government troops, proving that there was no intention on his part of raiding in that State & from the number of the men he took with him, it would not appear that he contemplated raiding anywhere.