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4th 11th The time of its execution & told that
 4th 11th That the Indians came ^{for the purpose of capturing the girls} there but ^{did not succeed in} not getting
 access to the rooms so as to ^{affect their purpose} capture the girls
 concluded to get what stock they could
 so that the raid should not prove an
 entire failure. The pistol shots
 were fired by a herder of J. Madden who
 was ^{watching} herding his ponies, he says several
 Indians with ponies & mules stopped some
 distance from the herd he was watching,
 two of them left the rest & ^{came} up to
 his herd, when he fired at them & they
 ran away, he shooting at them as they
 went. The Comanches have repeated-
 ly said that they should not fire the first
 shot, but when any of them were fired upon
 they should then show what fight there is in
 them, the first shot has now been fired, &
 not yet returned. How soon it may be the
 future will develop.

Attended meeting

25th 2nd day Clear & Warm At the Agency
 writing. Wrote home no 34. In the
 afternoon Hicking Bird sent in a messenger for
 me to come out to come out to camp.

26th 3rd day Clear & Warm Wrote to C. &
 B. Clendenon. In the afternoon went
 out to camp. Oh-to-de-ty - the Indian
 who came in after me, left me right
 at the post & I saw no more of him, per-
 forming the journey entirely alone, &
 arriving at the camp just after sun-
 down. Having performed the trip in
 a little less than five hours, so that
 I shall conclude the distance to the
 Agency to be about 25 miles.