

were on hand, mounted, it is true, so as to be out of the way at the right moment. But the arrangements had been completed between the commissioner and the governor, by which the immediate release of the chiefs was secured.

The commissioner pledged the government to return them, or other chiefs of equal rank, into the hands of the governor of Texas, at any time when it shall appear that the Kiowas have been raiding there; 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, and to make information reliable as to the daily whereabouts of the Kiowas. The Comanches shall be reduced to the same daily inspection as soon as possible, and the government is pledged to use its force to compel the Comanches to surrender not less than five of the recent raiders of their tribe, to take the place of Satanta and Big Tree.

The governor, in his speech, alluded to the promises of the government to the Indians, the faithful adherence of the Kiowas to their agreement, and turned the chiefs over to the tribe, without a pardon. Satanta and Big Tree, after embracing the governor, proceeded to embrace the chiefs present, and immediately returned with them to the agent's office, from whence they went to their rude home in their camps.

The reunion of these chiefs with their tribe and families was impressive and affecting in the extreme. Joy

beamed upon every countenance, and their happiness was exhibited, as might be expected, in the most wild and natural manner.

In the afternoon of the day on which these two chiefs were released, being the 8th of the month, the commissioner held a council in the agent's office, in which he spoke of the solemn engagements the Comanches entered into in the spring, also in the early summer, when their women and children were returned to them, that henceforth they would keep the peace with the whites, and not raid any more in Texas. They had violated their pledge, raided, stolen horses, and committed murders there, and now they must give him five of their ~~guilty persons~~ <sup>young men</sup>, giving them until the next morning to make their answer.

The next morning, the Comanches said they could agree to all the terms demanded of them except the giving up of the five ~~guilty~~ young men, which they could not do unless the commissioner would give the names of the men he wanted, which he did not do. They then offered to restore all the horses and mules they had stolen, but this was a new road which they could not accept.

Neither did the commissioner accept their proposition, and was so indiscreet in his remarks as to affront them, by calling them cowards. They denied the imputation of cowardice, telling the commissioner they could not give him the five men, and if he wanted them, there were soldiers at the fort, and their young men were