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as I have been long expecting a majority of the northern Cheyennes probably six hundred have left the reservation at Reno and are making for the north. Two Companies of cavalry all there is at Reno are in pursuit and will be joined by the cavalry company at supply. There is no cavalry in Kansas I have ordered all troops at Dodge Hayes Lyon & Wallace to be on the lookout to stop them. I shall send one hundred mounted infantry from Texas soon as possible to Wallace probably tomorrow. It cannot yet be determined whether the Indians will try to pass east or west of Wallace. Lewis will try and watch the Arkansas with all troops he has at Dodge I have ordered Davidson to send cavalry immediately from Bill to Reno to prevent if possible any extension of this desertion he fears for Comanches and Kiowas and was apprehensive about diminishing his garrison but it must be done it is essential to prevent these Indians from joining those now coming down from the north as I have several times reported the condition of things at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency has threatened long to bring about this result we have not nearly cavalry enough to control these Indians nor protect the frontier. I will report again as soon as movement of Indians is developed.

*Geo Pope*

*Brig Maj Genl Candy*

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