

I object to the report as a gross piece of injustice. I deem my position as an officer, intrusted with a responsible command, sufficiently respectable to compel me to combat the position assumed--the fact that the report called for the endorsement of the "Division Commander" is a sufficient commentary on the justice of it to all who know me and my official relations. I invite investigations of all the points assumed, and will shrink from nothing which will lay bear all my acts and intentions.

I mean no disrespect to the high position occupied by Gen. Marcy but I disclaim the right of any man Superior or Inferior to be unjust to me. During my fifteen years service it is the first time that I have been the subject of anamadversion. I am very respectfully your obt. servt.

(Signed)

H. Douglas, Major
3rd U.S. Infantry
Commanding Post.

November 29, 1867

To: Capt. S.L. Barr, AAA General Headquarters Dist. UP Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Captain John Smith, Indian interpreter for the Cheyennes, is now here with eight Cheyennes headed by "Starved Bear" their war chief--and two Arrapahoos.

He reports that the Cheyennes are at peace and that they will committ no more murders or thefts on the Plains. He says the recent depredations and murders near here were committed by Cheyennes going south who were not aware of the peace, but that all was now safe, that there was no naed of any escorts or precautions, that life and property would be held sacred.

He says, there is a feud between the Cheyennes and Kioways which will lead to an immediate war and that the Kiowas have gone wouth for that course. There is a general Muss among the Indians, and they want the aid and protection of the white men.