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I was obliged to make one march of forty four miles from my last camp on the Cimarron River to Crooked Creek in order to reach water, and another on the twentysixth inst. from Crooked Creek to Fort Dodge, of twenty-seven miles, there being no water in Mulberry. The company horses suffered exceedingly from the effects of the long march on the 24th inst., the day was intensely warm and the saddle blankets becoming wet with perspiration chaffed the backs of the animals a great deal. Camps of Buffalo Hunters were found at intervals of from a mile to two miles along the banks of the Cimarron. I suppose I met twenty parties, I did not meet or hear of any Indians during this Scout. There is a very good spring at the point on Crooked Creek where the road crosses. The Odometer furnished was almost unserviceable when turned over to me and on the 25th inst. became totally so. A survey and map of the route is respectfully submitted.

Your Obt. Servant

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A true copy
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Post Adjutant

Fort Dodge, Kansas
September 27, 1873

To
The Adjt.
Fort Dodge, Ks.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report of a Scout, made by Co. WFth, 6th U. S. Cavalry.

In compliance with S. O. No. 133, dated Hdqrs., Fort Dodge, Ks., Sept. 7, 1873, I left Fort Dodge on the evening of the 8th inst. accompanied by 2nd Lieut. Austin Hensly, 6th Cavalry, Interpreter Romeo and 1st Class Pvt. A. C. Kelly, Batt. of Engineers. On the evening of the 11th inst. I struck the Cimaron River a few miles below the springs (Wet Cimarron). Mounted men were seen on the bluffs, south side of