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hunt the thieves,, while Fleming would proceed more leisurely on foot, by a little different route. Warren was scarcely out of sight when Fleming saw five mounted Indians circling about him at a rapid rate too far, however, to judge the Tribe.

He prepared to fight them and showed his arms. They disappeared and he saw them no more. This was at a point about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Camp Supply road. He believes that they discovered his companion and went for him then. The man Warren was shot in 3 places in the body; either shot should judge would have been mortal and his entire scalp taken off leaving hardly a hair on his head, his body presented a gastly sight this morning. There can be no doubt but that it was Indian work. The case is a peculiarly hard one as all the man was worth was invested in his small lot of stock and he leaves a widow and six small children entirely ~~distitute~~.

I brought Fleming to the post with me that you can examine him yourself and Judge of the dorrectness of his tale.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Very Respectfully
 Your Obt. Svt.
 Thomas E. Nichols
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Fort Dodge, Kansas
 June 19th, 1874

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 Sir,

I have the honor to state that in compliance with S. O. 95, Hd. Qrs. Ft. Dodge, Kansas, June 17th, 1874, which directed me to proceed with 17 men of Co. F, 6th Cavy, to a "point on Crooked Creek where a party of Indians are reported to have been depredating, killing settlers and running off stock". I proceeded to the point mentioned in the order which is about 28 miles from Dodge City. It appears that at this place a party of four