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litia all summer nearly, but recently one of them was ordered away and went to Kiowa Creek, from there it was to go to Sun City. Where there is alway one Company of Militia. At Kiowa City there is about 20 men but they are not enrolled in the Militia. The Companies of Militia have heretofore numbered nearly Eighty men each. Counting mounted and dismounted men, but I have been informed that recently the number drawing actual pay has been reduced to fifty, per Company, but the other men still draw rations. At each of the places mentioned, Sun City, Medicine Lodge and Kiowa, there is a strong stockade built of Cedar logs with the dirt thrown up on the outside at each place the inhabitants of the vicinity up and down Medicine Lodge Creek have all moved into the stockade and at the time of my passing along the Valley, there appeared to be no settlers living on their claims in the Valley. There are in the vicinity of Medicine Lodge city, considerable herds of cattle, but above there I observed very few, and I think except at Medicine Lodge City, there is but little temptation for hostile Indians to raid into the valley along the course I travelled. There is a large number of Texas Cattle, I have been told, that are to be wintered there. This might make it an object for the Indians to come in.

The most of the people I talked with were of the opinion that in these stockades there was little to fear from the Indians, and at the time I left Medicine Lodge City the Citizens informed me that it was their intention to return soon to their claims, if the Indians remained quiet.

The principal cause of alarm has been a threat of the Osage Indians to retaliate on Medicine Lodge City for the capture of the ponies by a company of Militia now stationed there and who still have the ponies in the stockade there but the people there don't fear the threat and in my opinion have nothing to fear as long as the Militia remains.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully  
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