

③ Oriskany

to fight my enemies, & since the white man has made himself my enemy I will fight."

An Arapaho chief said; "you are here with your soldiers & what for? Soldiers are your fighting men, do you then want to fight? If so tell us. If your desire please send your soldiers away. I have some of your stuff. I would like to see you come & try to get it back. The best thing you can do is to leave the country as quietly as possible." "

abt mid Jan 67 Red Cloud came to camp within 10 mi of Ft P. K. & again demanded that B troops be withdrawn & the Powder River country given up -

April 8⁶⁷ Indians appeared in great force on the bluff N of Ft P. K., brandishing weapons & yelling "land as they could have"

Gen John S. Smith (Co) went out to find out what they wanted