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distinguished brave in the band, one who can count more enemies scalps than any other, and the soldiers appointed by and under the authority of the Indian agent. The duty of the latter is to preserve peace and order among the Indians themselves, prevent stealing or robbing from innocent parties, weak and defenseless, whether Indians or white people. Hence the Indians have appropriately given it the name of the "peace party" of the Indian agent. The former, or war party proper, is one of lawless rapine and violence. to all whom it may meet in a weak, careless, or defenseless situation, which is almost always true of white parties traveling in the Indian country. I am therefore always gratified when I learn that some few of the soldiers of the Indian agent may be with a war party whose sole object is more to steal and plunder than to take scalps. These few, acting always as a police force, will protect any white people whom the war party may chance to meet, for they have ever proved faithful to their duty, in return for the support, protection, and notice of the government; and I feel certain that I can place more reliance upon them than I can upon an equal number of old mountaineers or prairie men of the Indian country, who are good enough in their way, much like the "free men" who follow a great army in the field during an active campaign - they are not willing to be on duty constantly; whereas the Indian soldiers are watchful and on the alert during the term of appointment. From the organization of this force, (Indian soldiers,) in the summer of 1856, and the working of the system to the present time, I am entirely satisfied with the results; for I acknowledge with feelings of gratitude, that I have been ably assisted by this police force in difficult and dangerous situations, where white men, or United States soldiers, would have been of no avail, even if I could have obtained them.