

railways that lay in this belt of country as safe as possible, as also to protect the stage and telegraph lines against any hostile bands, but they are so long that to guard them perfectly is an impossibility, unless we can restrict the Indians as herein stated. I beg you will submit this proposition to the honorable Secretary of the Interior, that we may know that we do not violate some one of the solemn treaties made with these Indians, who are very captious and claim to the very letter the execution on our part of those treaties the obligation of which they seem to comprehend perfectly.

In the department of Dakota I propose that General Terry shall make the Missouri river as safe to boats as possible, and that he shall open and protect the new route ~~xxx~~ from Minn. the Mont., and afford the stages and wagons that travel that long and exposed route all the assistance in his power.