

proved to be wholly false.

This language given to the public, without any qualification, places me in a false position, and reflects this pitibly^a upon my position as an officer and a gentlemen, and purports to be derived from the report of the commission. I think I am safe in presuming that the commission did not so intend to reflect upon me. I was assured by Col. Taylor, President, and Gen. Terry, a member of the commission, in a conversation held with these gentlemen at "Medicine Lodge Creek" that in making the reports alluded to⁸ I had my duty as a soldier and could not have done otherwise, and Col. Taylor assured me that in explaining his opinion he expressed the ~~sentiments~~^{sentiments} of the commission.

I most respectfully request, as an act of justice, as well as to relieve the minds of my relatives and friends who have been making inquiries on the subject, that the Commission explain the above quoted explanation, so as to disconnect my name from the injurious imputation contained in it.

With the hope that this request will be granted by the Honorable Jury ~~under~~^{over} which you preside, I am very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't.
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January 19--General McKeever--Department of the Missouri

Complaining about ~~the~~^a man named Crook whose partner^{er}, Wheeler, had "squatted" on the reservation at Fort Dodge. Built a hut and commenced trading. Directed to move off, he refused, and was rejected; the chaplain of the post, Mr. A. G. White, it is complained, has an interest of Wheeler to the amount of \$1500. The Chaplain said the reservation should be only four miles square. The object of Crook is to open an establishment as near to the flag staff as possible and open trade with the men and civil employees of this command. In the interest of the Government, request is made that the reservation be