

Leavenworth, Kan.,
June 4, 1873.

To Richard I. Dodge,
Major Comdg. Third Infantry,
Fort Dodge, Kansas.

Until Ford County is fully organized you are authorized to hold, subject to orders of the civil authorities of the proper judicial districts, all persons notoriously guilty of a violation of the criminal laws of this state. I desire that you should exercise authority with great care and only in extreme cases.

Thomas A. Osborn,
Governor of Kansas.