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Hon. John J. Ingalls

Washington.

Dear Sir,

I herewith Enclose Copies of Correspondence between Col. Richard I. Dodge, late Commandant at Fort Dodge, and myself in relation to arrests made by him last June of certain parties implicated in the murder of a Colored Man named Taylor, Some of the Circumstances of which you probably remember. I regarded the action taken by Col. Dodge as necessary and proper under the Circumstances and still think so. The County in which Dodge City is located and when the murder occurred was at that time unorganized and the ~~six~~ Civil Authorities were powerless to deal with the desperadoes who were in Control of the . . .