

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.,      October 7,    1878

General P.H.Sheridan

Chicago Illinois

This moment back. Received your despatch at St. Louis and those of October fifth (5) here. Am ready to respond to any call you may make, but leave your untrammelled in the management of the complications now in the Sioux Country. The people in the Black Hills and on the yellowstone should be cautioned to collect the horses and families for self-protection. and the troops go straight for the Indians wherever they may be. If they settle at their new Reservations, you had better let them about, but if they go outside their legitimate reservations, there is no alternative but to regard them hostile. If you apprehend serious consequences South by reason of the absence of troops in pursuit of the Cheyennes, I can order the Eighteenth (18) Infantry from Atlanta to the Agency on the Canadian, Fort Reno.

Keep me advised.

W. T. Sherman  
General

Official Copy respectfully forwarded by mail

Oct. 7, 1878

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Fort Dodge, Kas  
Sept. 15, 78

Post Commander

States that in the opinion of Mr. Chapman, Interpreter at Camp Supply, the outbreak of the Cheyenne Indians at the Agency was caused by want of subsistence.

Original fw'd to A.G. Sept. 21, 78

W.W.