

October 10, 1878  
Missouri, Dept. of A.G.

Represents that the cavalry force in his dept. is insufficient for protection of settlements and keeping Indians quite.

Refers to recent outbreak of North'n Cheyennes and encloses copy of statement of this agent selling for reasons why they left their res.

Is in favor of arming cavalry with Springfield rifle.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,

Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Oct. 10th, 1878

Colonel W. D. Whipple  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Military Division of the Missouri

Chicago, Illinois

Colonel:

I think it proper to invite the attention of the Lieut. General Commanding the Division to the fact that there remain in the Department for all the Indians in the Indian Territory and for the exposed frontier of Kansas and Eastern Colorado, only four companies of Cavalry and they are stationed at Forts Sill and Reno; the Kiowa and Comanche and Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agencies, from which it is impossible to remove them without endangering everything in that region.

As the Lieut. General knows from various reports from me within the past two years, the frontier of Western Kansas has during that time, been, without Cavalry soldiers, nearly the whole Cavalry force east of New Mexico having been sent to the Department of Texas on the one side and the Department of the Platte and Dakota on the other. I have represented at various times the danger to be apprehended, from an outbreak of the Indians, at and around the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, and the defenceless condition the settlements west of here were in, on account of the entire absence of a mounted force. That danger still exists and perhaps to a greater degree now than hitherto. I know that the needs of the service elsewhere and the small force of Cavalry have made it necessary to send the Cavalry from this Department to points where the danger seemed to be and doubtless was move imminent and pressing. Perhaps