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Captain Wedemeyer will make a full and exhaustive report of all damages and depredations committed by these Indians and will be guided by the instructions from Department Headquarters, a copy of which is enclosed.

By order of

(signed) Lieut. Col. Van Voast
George M. Love
1st Lieut. 16 Infantry
Actg. Post Adjutant

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Headquarters Dept. of the Missouri
Asst. Adjutant General's Office
Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Oct. 6, 1878

Commanding Officer
Fort Wallace, Kan.

Sir

The Department Commander directs that as soon as Capt. Vance with his command returns to your post you detail him or some other reliable officer to follow the trail made by the Indians which recently crossed the R. R. at Carlyle, as far as where it crosses the Republican, and make careful and thorough investigation into the acts of these Indians when en-route between those points.

It is desired to ascertain as fully and reliably as possible what outrages they committed and what stock they killed or stole, with details of places, times and persons interested. A full report is to be made of the result of this investigation.

If you consider it judicious you are authorized to furnish the officer charged with this duty, with such small escort as may be necessary.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
E. R. Platt
Asst. Adjutant General

Fort Wallace, Kansas