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General,

I am in receipt of the treaty made with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes at Medicine Lodge Creek and your accompanying letter of the 19th instant.

I had proceeded against those indians almost in the terms of your letter.

Colonel Wynkoop was authorized by me to allow "Little Rock" of the Cheyennes to come in on the plea of having committed no hostile act, but it was declined, and the band remain with the hostile indians.

I held a council with "Little Raven" and several of his "Head men" offering to protect them and their people and feed them for the winter, and they agreed; but it was only to get more time to place their families beyond reach. These indians do not want any conditions at the present time. They expect after a while when a sufficient number of scalps for the young men to glory over have been taken and much plunder obtained that, they will be able to make a treaty with us and get more goods and food. Then I fear that, they have the idea that, we abandoned the Powder River country because we were compelled to, or at least this is the story current among them.

When the 5th Cavalry gets into the field, I will have on the Republican fifteen companies, which ought to clear out that country. The Governor can advance his companies on the Republican and Solomon up those rivers as far as the forks of the former, and headwaters of the latter. This will cover everything north of the railroad.

Sully will operate with eleven companies of Cavalry, and four companies of infantry to the Wichita mountains, and I will organize a column of four companies of the 10th at "Lyon", one company of infantry to work south from Lyon to the Antelope hills, while I keep three companies of Cavalry, and one of infranty from "Wallace" west along the Stage line to Kiowa.

I think this arrangement very good, and if the commanders do well there