

Col. Thomas Murphy
Supt. of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir:

In Compliance with my duty, I consider it proper to give th you the following information.

That on or about the 7th or 11th of this month a party of Kiowas fell in with a party of white men who were camped near the Salt Plains, Wolf Hunting and robbed them of 6 mos Mules, Clothing, bedding . And it was reported that they killed one of them. This has been told me by the most responsible man of the Cheyennes Nation. And they for the of it. An I am sorry to say that things look somewhat warlike with the Kiowas, as they have lately been committing many depredations on persons. And property of the Mexicans, which must eventually lead to bad results. And I have my good reasons for thinking the above reports to be true from the fact that ~~Santa Sa-Jawdie~~ ^{tee?} has just returned from a trip in to Fort Dodge, and appears very much dissatisfied with his treatment (while there, and that all of their traders have had more or less trouble with them this winter.

In consideration of the above facts, I would most respectfully suggest that all commanders of ~~Maya~~ ^(?) on the Santa Fe and New Mexico border be notified of above reports that they may be on their guard likewise all freighters traveling the same country.

Also that the Cheyenne Indians be permitted to cross the Arkansas River to get away from the Indians. I should like very much to hear from you as soon as possible that I may advise the Indians as they are now very peaceably disposed and are at a los to know what to do to keep out of trouble. Please request the commander of Fort Doge to forward your answer to me immediately on its arrival there.

I am Sir
from

(Signed)

John S. Smith
U. S. Interpctor

P.S.

I have sent this to Major Douglas at Fort Dodge, with request to read and forward to you.

J.SS U. S. Interpctor