

Ft. Dodge Kansas  
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( This Dist. 26a 9.)

General:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from John S. Smith / Interpreter at present with the Cheyennes on Bull Creek, to Col Thomas Murphy Supt. of Indains Affairs... the original document was forwarded to Col. Murphy.

It has been reported to Mr. Smith that a party of Kiowas fell in with a party of white men who were encamped near "Salt <sup>Plain</sup> Basin" (south of the Arkansas River) And robbed them of Horses, mules, clothing, bedding etc. And it is reported, "killed one of the white men. Mr. Smith has very good reasons for believing the report to be true, he says, from the fact of that Sa-ban-<sup>tee</sup> had just returned from a trip to Fort Dodge and appears very much dissatisfied with his treatment while there--And that all their traders have had more or less trouble with them (the Kiowas) all winter.

With regards to the treatment of Sa-ban-<sup>tee</sup> at Fort Dodge. I have to state as follows: No Indians has been asso well treated at Fort Dodge as this same Indian--he was fed while here And ten days rations apiece was given to him and his party to take away with them. He wanted more and said that the Indian Peace Commissioners had told him that he could come to Dodge and carry away all he wished. I declined to give him anymore. I refused him liquor which made him angry. He walked into my room when I was absent and drank a Bottle of El paso wine, he contrived in some way to ~~get-eth~~ obtain liquor and became intoxicated he went into Saint Shepherds quarters and drank a whole tumbler full of extract of Sarsaparilla . wherein he saw a bottle he assumed the privilege of drinking from it no matter what was in the nature of the contents. And the last thing he did, was to go to the Stage Station, and seeing a bottle he seized it, and pouring out a tumbler full of the contents, drank it down. It happened to be some medicine that Mr. Barnett the Road agent had prepared for physisking a horse. Sa-tan-tee declared that he