

Head Qts. Fort Dodge Kansas  
March 10th, 1868

Bat. Brig Gen. Chamey McKeever  
A. A. General Dept of the Mo.

General

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication stating that no Sutler or Trader will be permitted to remain on the Military reserve at Fort Dodge, unless he holds an appointment or warrant in his own name.

In obedience to the requirements of your letter. I have given directions that the firm of "Johnson and Co." be dissolved and warned all but Mr. Johnson who is a duly appointed trader, to desist from trading. The firm of Johnson and Co. consisted of Mr. Johnson, Mr. J. C. Conyile and Mr. Wm. W. Vandemater of Dodge City. The two latter are the porpriators of the good sold, and the trading was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Conyile--whether Mr. Johnson will be able to carry on the trading establishment I do not know. but the facts will be developed in a few days.

Mr. John O Tappan, the Sutler is also for financial reasons, associated with A Mr. Weichelebaum, the latter is not here at present, and I do not know of his whereabouts. Mr. Tappen is also absent, when he returns, which will be in a few days, I will furnish herewith a copy of your communication notify Mr. Weuchalebaum? that his trading rights under the firm of Tappen and Weishelebaum are no longer required.

(Signed)

Very Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servant  
W. Douglas  
Major 5 N. S. Infantry  
Commanding Post