

Head Qtx. Fort Dodge, Kansas  
March 11th 1868

Mr. J. C. Conyile

Sir:

It does not appear in your communication how much if any, of the goods in your store pertain to Mr. Johnson, or what rights of Co-partnership Mr. Johnson has. There is no doubt as to the validity of Mr. Johnsons appointment, but there is a manifest doubt as to the right of any other parties to have his name and if they are not fully appointed traders, they certainly have no right to trade under any name.

You are here with furnished with a copy of letter dated March 5th, from Head Quarters of the Dept. And in pursuance thereof. You are hereby described to desist from trading under the name of Johnson and Co. the whole of the trading establishment must be and the sole control of Mr. R. M. Johnson, the duly appointed trader, and the sales must be made exclusively in his name. You have the right to provide him with goods, if you see fit, but, except in the capacity of a clerk for Mr. Johnson, you cannot trade without violating the provisions of the letter above referred to.

Much as I regret this state of affairs, for I have for, personally good regard. I am forced to this conclusion by the obvious sense of the letter from the Dept. Head Quarters.

(Signed)

I am Very Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servant  
W. Douglas  
Major 5 U. S. Infantry  
Commanding Post