

Head Qrs. Fort Dodge, Kansas
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Brig Gen. Chauncex? McKeever

A. A. A. General Dept of the Mo.

General

Lieut Ammy Jackson 7th Cav; Act Engineer Dept Missouri has arrived here and has informed me that the Reservation of Fort Dodge must be limited to Sixteen square miles.

In my letter of 19th, January concerning the Reservation I expressed the desire that the present limit be not changed or that the limits defined by S. O. No 131 from Head Qrs. Dept of the Mo. Series of 1866. be still the same until the resources of the South branch of Pawnee Fork for wood and building. Stone were no longer necessary to the Fort but if the Dept Commander thought it necessary to curtail the Reserve that the meadow lands now defined by the eastern and western limits be reserved, and a narrow strip on both sides of South banks of Pawnee Fork be also reserved to include the Stone Quarry and wood the intermediate land being wasteland and impracticable for settlement, my reasons are expressed in that letter to which I most respectfully refer to you.

Your letter in reply dated February 4, 1868. states that the Dept Commander "has no intention of diminishing the size of the Reservation at Fort Dodge, but merely to have a careful survey made of the present Reservation with a view of Announcing its limits in genl orders. The records of this officer do not show to.

Believing that the instructions given to Lieut Jackson were given without reference to this correspondence. I thought it would be proper to refer you to it before Lieut Jackson Commenced his survey. to know whether in view of this correspondence it is decided by the Dept. Commander to change the limits of the present Reserve.

I am respectfully ask an early reply so as to delay Lieut Jackson's work as little as possible.