

Head Qrs Fort Dodge, Kansas  
March 23rd, 1868

Mr. R. M. Johnson  
Trader

Sir

Please explain why whisky and other liquor or wine is sold to Mr. Thomas Arkins in violation of a recent Post Order, which forbids such to be sold without permission from the Commanding Officer.

By direction of Major Douglas  
(Signed)

Thomas S. Wallace  
2nd Lieut U. S. Infantry  
Post Adjutant

Head Qrs. Fort Dodge, Kansas  
March 24th 1868

Bvt Brig Gen. Chauncey McKeever  
A. A. General Dept of the Mo.

General

After I had asked upon the letter of information of March 3rd, 1868 from your office in relation to Sultlers and Traders. Mr. Johnson called upon one in reference to that action, and stated that in a personal interview with the Commanding general of the Department, he had procured the writing of the letter alluded to and that it was his intention in seeking the interview to displace Mr. Tappan from his present position as Sulter at the Post, and that he based his action on the assumed fact that Mr. Tappan has no warrant.

I desire to lay before the Commanding General the following facts. After which I desire futher instructions. Mr. Johnson & Tappan was unanionously recommended by the Council of Administration as Sutler at this post, and after taking the senses of the post, who were unanimously in favor of the appointment-- I appointed him temporarily agreeably to paragraph 213. Army Regulation, and made application for his warrant to the Secretary of War, this appointment was made in December 1866. no action was had by the Secretary of war in the matter and I ~~did~~ <sup>still</sup> considered him Sutler under the temporary appointment, until some