

I ordered every citizen not employed by the Post to leave the Reservation so as to bring all as far as possible under my observation. Every train is inspected thoroughly for liquor, and when any be found it is spilled, but it is easy for them to hide it on the prairie, and at night repossess themselves of it. I directed the spilling of 1354 gallons of whiskey. One Barrel of gin, 40 gallons and twelve hampers of champagne. All found ^{on} one train because the train opened packages "in route" and sold liquor to escorts, even the stages, and express company, we believed it to be used as Vehicles for the purpose of procuring and transporting liquor. I have known express packages of whiskey to be sent to soldiers and have confiscated them until the supply was stopped.

Whenever I can detect an offender in respect to the sale of liquor or the supplying of it in any manner to Indians. I shall prosecute the case. I have already evidence against W. Wheeler, a ranchman and William Seaman (alias Apache Bill) for introducing liquor into the Indian Company, and have preferred charges against them. And am waiting to turn them over to the U. S. Marshall who has requested me to hold them, until he sends for them. They are now in the guard house of the Post.

I have already conferred with Maj. ^{Myrcook} Myrcook, Indian Agent on this subject and offered my hearty cooperation to suppress the traffic in liquor and he will bear witness to this fact-- in a talk with the Cheyennes the day before yesterday, we tried to prevail on the chiefs to arrest and bring before me any person who furnished them with liquor. They promised to do so, but as they are more or less fond of liquor, I have but little faith in their promise. Mr. J. S. Butterfield says that he "does not know who the parties are but ~~has~~ he can give a pretty good guess." If his "guess" is based on any reliable testimony, I would be glad to have the benefit of it.

An interpreter by the name of "John Smith" is said to profess to know who the parties are. He is at present residing with the Indians, but this man is utterly unreliable when truth is to be ascertained. And is besides addicted to hard drinking. The only chance he could have had of knowing anything concerning