

Head Qrs. Fort Dodge Kansas  
August 14th 1868

Major John E. Gard 10th Car.  
Commanding Fort Hays Kas.

Major

I have been informed that F. F. Jones, formerly an Interpreter at this Post, has been employed at your post in that capacity, I deem it my duty to warn you against him. I have known him for nearly two years, he is utterly unreliable as an Interpreter, got me into the hottest possible water with the Interior Dept. by false Interpreting and false Affidavits, has been known to steal forage, mules and is notoriously a great liar, he carried on a successful liquor business for some time in the vicinity of this Post, he was hired by a man named Wheeler to procure inticlements against Major Page, Lieut Wallace and Myself, and made use of perjured oaths to procure them no one here will believe him under Oath, and his Affidavit necessarily gives the impression that there is something wrong about the matter Sworn to.

He is a dangerous man for these reasons, and I would advise you to have as little to do with him as possible, take his interpreting "cum grana sales" and never allow him to scout for you, because his reports will keep your garrison "in terrorent" as long as he performs that duty and if he says he went ten miles from the Post, don't believe that he went further than to be concealed from view by the nearest intervening ridge.

The great trouble I have experienced from the reliance I placed in this precious Scoundrel before I knew him prompts me to write to you, so that you may take such action with reference to him as you may think proper.

I am very Respectfully  
Your Obt Servt

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