

Head Qrs Fort Dodge, Kas
October 4, 1868

Bvt Lt. Col. J. Schuyler Crosby
A. A. A. G. Dept of the Mo.
Fort Hays, Kansas

Colonel

Our stock of forage is getting very low. We need at once 400,000 lbs. The amounts required have been estimated for. General Sully wants to take with him a months supply, but at the rate we have been issuing and we will have to issue before the troops leave, we will not have that amount.

Cannot some grain be forwarded from Hays. If not cannot Major Curnan be directed to send a supply at once, as much as he can.

On Thursday Indians made their appearance about a mile and a half from this Post under cover of a thick fog. They did no damage except wounding a Mexican at Lime Ratu about 3 miles off. They attacked a train about 10 miles down the road, killed 2 men and wounded 2 and destroyed some ^{commercial ?} c / articles in 4 wagons which they succeeded in cutting off. The wagons were recaptured by Captain Wests Troop, 7th Cav. They succeeded, however, in running off the stock belonging to the 4 wagons.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. Douglas
Major 3rd Inf.
Comdg. Post

(Tho. Dist. Head Qrs. in the field)