

Fort Atkinson ^{W. G. P.}
Santa Fe Route
Nov. 4. 1852

Henry Heth.

Lieut. 6th Infantry
Comdy.

Relative to Indian Affairs,
Reports that the Kioways and
Comanches have been making
predatory incursions into the
Mexican State of Chihuahua.

The 2nd 6th Mil's Dep't
Lefferson Barracks
Dec 17. 1852.

I have directed the Comdy officer
of Fort Atkinson to use his en-
deavors to ascertain the number
and condition of the prisoners,
and the amount of stock held
by the Kioways; and to make
them understand they have vio-
lated the treaty of the U. S. with
Mexico, and will be held to an
account for what they have done.

I now request that instructions

may be given by the proper authori-
ties; in case the prisoners are
not surrendered, to withhold the
annuities (if any are due them)
and presents; and that I may
be authorized to send such a force
against them as will compel them
to do so.

Respectfully

M. S. Clark

Col 6th Infy

Fort Brigg. 6th Infy
Comdy.

Head Qrs W. Division

No. Dec 24. 1852

Respectfully transmitted ap-
proving suggestions of the Dept.
Commander.

D. E. Swiggs

U. S. A.

I concur. Respectfully submitted
to the Secretary of War -

Winfield Scott

July 4. 1853.

Copy.

Head Quarters Fort Atkinson

Santa Fe Route November 4th 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to report that our Indian relations in this country are to all appearances on as friendly a footing as could be expected.

The Kioways have come in and received the presents left by their Agent, Major Fitzpatrick. The Indians have been informed that presents are to be distributed to them near Spring, which will doubtless keep them quiet until that time. My object in making this communication is to bring to the notice of the Commanding General of the Department, the fact that these Indians, the Kioways doubtless cooperated with by the Comanches, are continually making incursions into the Country of Mexico in or near the State of Chihuahua, for the purpose of running off stock and capturing prisoners, the Kioways have just returned from an expedition of this kind. I am informed that they not only had an engagement with the Mexicans, but also on the same expedition had a fight with the whites, in which they acknowledged to have lost one of their principal men.

At the same time that we are here distributing presents and feeding these Indians, they are invading the territory of a people with whom we are at peace, and with whom we have express treaty stipulations to protect.

From this place they say they go to hunt those whites south, with whom their people have been recently fighting.

They succeeded in running off from Chihuahua or its vicinity a large amount of stock and some prisoners.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your Obedient

Henry Heth

Lieut. 6th Infantry

Comd' Post.

Capt. J. McDowell

Assist. Adj. General

of Military Dept

Jefferson Barracks

Missouri