

The frequent acts of violence committed by whites against the Indians in your district, demand that active measures be taken to bring to trial those charged with the commission of those treacherous and inhuman acts against them, last summer at Bateses and on Roque River below Long's Ferry of Johnson's Party together with those on Deer Creek last winter, The want of confidence on the part of the Indians in Government Agents has tended much to retard and embarrass our operations in the accomplishment of any good towards them, and in the absence of any effort on our part to bring to trial and punishment those guilty of the most atrocious and inhuman acts, whilst we demand of them the surrender of all Indians charged with the commission of offenses against the whites, may well leave them to doubt our sincerity ^{This want of confidence has} and doubtless as a great influence in preventing ^{in no} ~~and~~ ^{the} ~~society~~ ^{wire} ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~revert~~ ^{destroy} ~~confidenc~~ ^{& and} ~~his band from removing to & residing upon the Reserve~~ neutralize our efforts to do them good. The time may have been, when a majority of the people of your district were composed of transient persons, having no interest in common with the actual settlers, ~~and~~ ^{so} that it was impotick to attempt the enforcement of a strict compliance with our intercourse laws, and cause the arrest of persons charged with the commission of offenses against the Indians, as no adequate force could be brought to carry it into effect, but that ^{can} ~~now~~ no longer exist. A community who have the power and do not enforce an observance of the laws of the country, but quietly permit outrages so revolting and so much at variance with the common usages of a civilized and Christian community as the cases referred to without

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an effort to punish the perpetrators, should yet receive
as they as not deserve the protection of the Government.

The reasons assigned by persons, that an attempt to
bring to trial those charged with such offenses, would lead
to excitement and danger, and ^{an} ~~harm~~ injury to the community,
and the commission of similar offenses against the
Indians is so much at variance with the principles of
Justice and humanity and the common interests of the settlers
as to give no weight, and should not deter Agents of the
Government from the performance of a publick duty.

You will therefore at the earliest opportunity ^{your} seek out and
cause to be presented to the Grand Juries of the respective Com-
munities in your district, all persons suspected of ~~having~~ ^{being connected with} ~~done~~ ^{done}
~~hand~~ in the perpetration of those acts of violence or any other
outrages committed against the Indians ~~so far as~~ ^{within} districts to
the end, that Justice may be done them.

I have no funds in my hands at present applicable
to the payment of the contemplated expenditures, but
they will be remitted as the earliest possible moment
after their reception.

I have the honor to be

Yours obedt^t Servt

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