

July 15th 1871

I saw Mr Tilliston at Jefferson
Station as I come up. He told me that
a Sisseton Indian had broken in to
a house in Jefferson and stolen several
things a day or two before, and that
the people came nigh lynching him
for it. Their Councils however prevailed
and he was not hanged, what they have
done I could not learn further, as the cars
moved on. I incline to the opinion that if
I had authority from you direct I could
prevail on a good many Sisseton Indians to
return. I have done what I could to stimulate
a number of them - nearly up to the point

J. McGregor

There seems to be some little dread of the
guard house with ~~them~~ the men and with the
Women the Idea prevails to quite an extent
that they are to have their hair cut off
short. There are a great many more
of them out, without passes, than I had
any just conception of. I told them the Lands
would soon be surveyed, and they had all
better return and see you for themselves
and they could judge whether you desired their
good or not. Some of them expressed a
willingness to go back, and get a pass from
General Palmer ~~see~~ J. M.