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is, my oldest son is compelled to leave our University to seek employment for self maintenance; and must I, leave the State that for nineteen years has been my home, without an effort being made to furnish the murderers of its citizens? Already the press is taking this matter up, and my dear Governor, I am confident that the "leader" in this cause of Right and Justice will be crowned with Political success, and as the first laurels are cast upon Your Excellency, I sincerely pray that you will give my humble request the attention that humanity deserves and the God of the oppressed shall be your recompense.

Very respectfully,

{Cor. Warren & W. S. S.}

Mrs O. F. Short.



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147 From ^a Mrs. O. F. Short. 142
Place Lawrence Kan.
Rec'd May 20 1876
Ans'd " 22

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Relating to the killing
of her husband & son
by a band of Cheyenne
Indians in 1874
asks the Gov.
makes a demand
upon the Govt.
for the murderers.

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Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C., January 11th, 1875.

Sir:

This Department received, by reference from the President, your telegram of the 24th ultimo, relative to certain Osage Indians off their reservation.

For your information I transmit herewith copy of a report, dated the 5th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom your communication was referred.

Very respectfully

Your obs^r. servant

B. B. Brown

Acting Secretary.

How Thomas A. Osborn

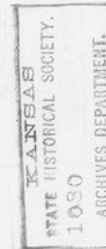
Governor of Kansas.

Tapeka
Kan.

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Hon B.R. Cowan
Acting Secretary of the
Interior
Washington D.C.
Jan 11 1875

Transmitting report
of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
in reply to telegram
to the President relating
to Osage Indians
off their reservation





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CHICAGO, ILL.	GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y.
	NEW YORK.

Dated *Atchinson Mo* Dec 24 1874

Received at *Dofels Mo* Dec 24 - 23

To *Osborne*

*Goods for Richer and Boobus
as per your Telegram of
yesterday are still at
this office*

A H Moffett

17.00

in ans



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Barber Co. Mil. Co's Capt Ricker, Co A.
Capt Bowler, Co B
^{Nitchinson}
A. H. Moffett, rel. to del. of goods to mil,
d. Dec 24, 1874

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Dec 12, 1874

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CHICAGO, ILL. } GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated *Kulchison* *Ks* *12* 1874

Received at *Dec 12* *1250 PM*

To *A Morris*

Lopeko

Shall I deliver goods for
Bowlus upon order of *X*
E Vantosh naty Lieut answer
quick

A N Mofet

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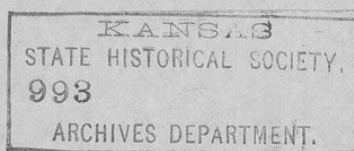
and goods *yes deliver*
to *Lieut Van Trees*
C. A. Morris

(B)



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Barber Co. Mil. Co. Capt Rowles, Co. B
A. H. Moffett, ing. bel. to supplies to, at Hutch.
upon order of Lt. H. E. Van Trees.
d. Dec 12, 1874





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GEO. H. MUMFORD, Secretary.

WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Topeka Kan. Dec 24 1874

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

*To the President
Washington.*

I am informed by Agent Gibson that parties of Osages have left their Reservation ostensibly to hunt. I fear a collision between them and the Settlers in the Southwestern part of this State if they are not returned to their Reservation

Thomas a Osborn

Chas. Osborn

Governor of Kansas



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Dec. 26, 1874

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Dated Kutchison Mo 26 1874

Received at Topeka Mo Dec 26 = 1150 a.m.

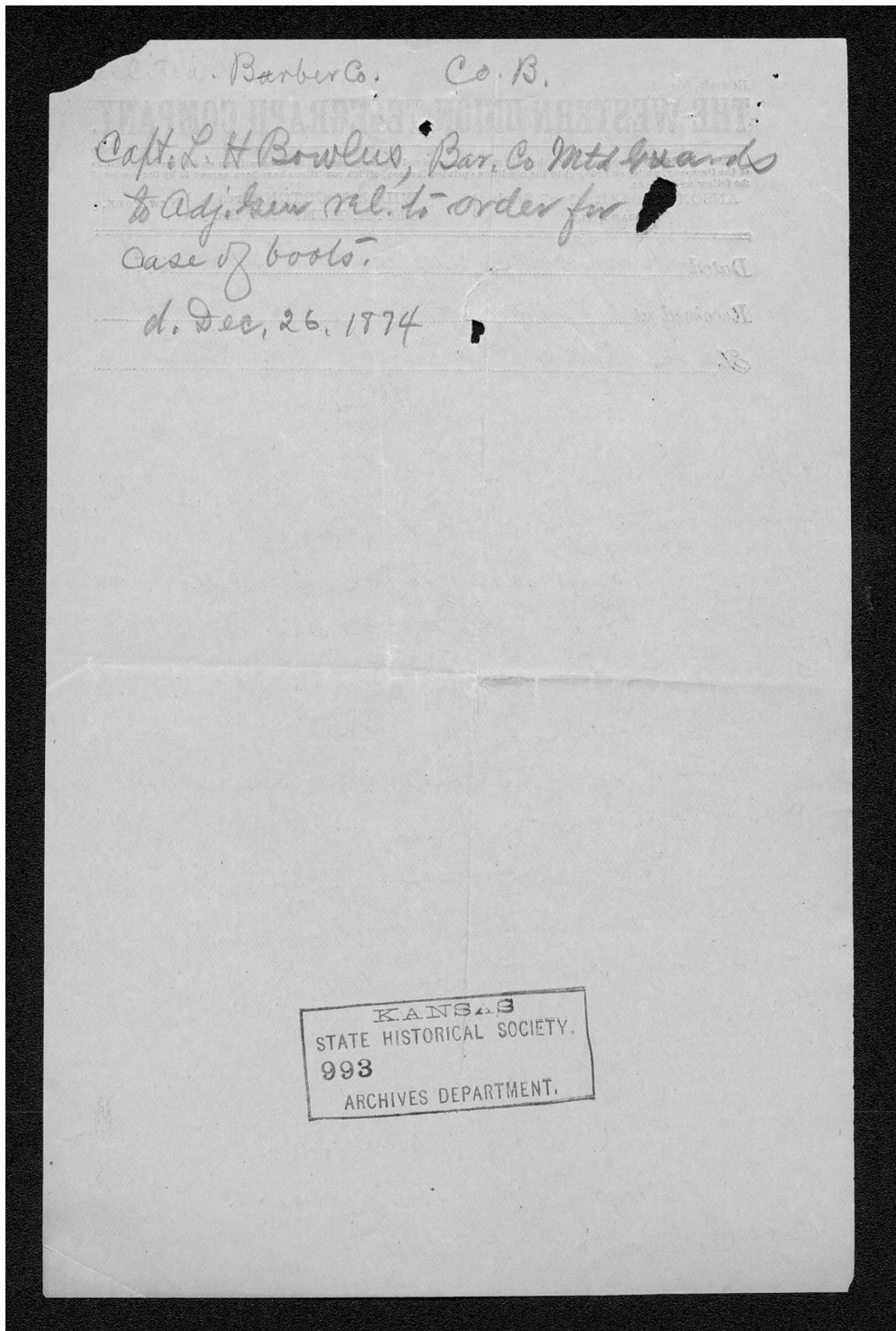
To Chamorris

A Genl

Special order number eleven dated
dec twenty fourth & special
orders number twelve dated dec
twenty third both mail dec
twenty fifth need am I
to be governed by the
number of the orders On
date of the orders I
am to be governed by
order number twelve will want
case of boats sent at
once

L. H. Bowlin
Capt Barbour County
Mounted Guards
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Office of Indian Affairs.

CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

Lawrence, Kansas, 12 - 8 1874

Thos A Osborn
Gov Kas

I am in receipt of
thy letter of 7th inst - informing
of the presence of 300 Pawnees in
South Kas - Stealing and running off
Cattle &c I enclose for infor-
mation copy of Telegrams from
The Comm^r of Indⁿ affs date (9th ultimo)
and from Sup^r of Indⁿ Aff^s White at
Omaha (10th ult) setting forth the
facts in reference to these Indians
- that they are in pursuit of a horse
in D. P. under direction of white men
accompanying them - and in pursuance
of official instructions - They have also
permission to hunt for substantiated embezzlers

Respectfully

Enoch Hoag
Sup^r

Ther agent is now
South - in aid of
their enterprise }

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Office Ind. Affairs, Lawrence
Enoch Hoag, Supt.
rel. to Pawnee Inds (500)
stealing of horses, hunting in Kan
under escort & with permission,
d. Dec. 8, 1874



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copy

Omaha - (Feb. 17th - 1874)

Enoch May

Sup^t Ind. affs Lawrence Kas

The party of Business men mentioned in thy telegram of this date is enroute to Indian Territory under instructions from the Indian Department - to select in connection with Government officers - a Reservation there for the entire tribe - which has permission to remove - and the majority of the tribe has already left its reservation in Nebraska and is moving south under the charge of white men and with proper instructions

Barclay White
Sup^t Indⁿ affs

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Suplt Ind. Affairs, Omaha, Barclay White,
rel. to intentions of Pawnees, removal to
reservation in Ind. Ter. under Execut.
dt. Nov. 10, 1874

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Copy

Washington D.C.

Nov - 10 - 1874

C. Beeder

Chief Clerk &c

The Pawnees have permission
from the Department to visit the
Indian Territory — This movement
is preparatory to their removal —
their intentions are entirely peaceful
and they should not be interfered
with —

E. P. Smith

(Signed ————— Comm^r

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Cour. Ind. Affairs
Wash. D.C.,
Rel. to Pawnee.
d. Nov. 10, 1874

Hoag. Encl.
Laurence, Kas.
Dec. 9, 1874.

Relative to Pawnee
Indians in Southern
Kansas, enroute to the
Indian Territory.



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W. P. Department of the Interior,

Washington, D.C. December 7th 1874

Sir:

On the receipt, by this Department, of information from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the alleged murder, by Kansas Militia, of five Osage Indians, in Barber County, Kansas, a Commission was appointed, consisting of F. H. Smith, J. W. Smith and Wilson Shannon, to investigate the facts and circumstances in relation to the killing of said Indians.

A copy of the report of the Commission upon the subject, is herewith transmitted for your information and consideration.

To the last two paragraphs of said report your attention is particularly invited. They contain recommendations which I respectfully express the hope you may find it consistent with your sense of public duty to carry into effect, especially in view of the fact that

(this



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This Department is precluded, for the want of appropriate funds, from making any compensation to the Osages on account of the losses they have sustained by the unfortunate occurrence referred to.

The testimony, somewhat voluminous, is on file in this Department, a copy of which will be forwarded, if you desire it.

Very respectfully

Your obs^d. servant

C. Adams

Secretary.

How Thos. A. Osborn
Governor of Kansas.
Topeka
Kansas.



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Hon. G. Delano
Secretary of the Interior
Washington DC
Dec 7 1874

Transmitting report
of Commission consisting
of F. H. Smith, J. W. Smith
and Wilson Sherman
relating to the killing
of Osage Indians
by state militia in
August 1874

Delano, Hon. G.
Secy of the Interior,
Dec. 4. 1874.

✓
Enclosing Report of
Commission appointed
to investigate the killing
of Osage Indians by
the Kansas Militia.

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Aus. Jan. 10. 1875.



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GEO. H. MUMFORD, Secretary.

WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Dodge Sept 17 1874

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

To RR Agent

Dodge City Kans

Deliver to Capt L. A. Thrasher

and Case of ten guns and hold the balance in store

C. A. Morris

Adjt Genl Kansas



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WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Dodge Sept 17 1874

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

To R. M. Wright Esq

Dodge City, Kans

*Twenty Carabines have been
ordered stored at the Depot at Dodge City. These
will be delivered to a regular mounted
militia Company if one is organized
at Dodge.*

L. A. Morris,

Adj Gen Kansas



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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated *Dodge City* *17* 187*4*

Received at *Sept 17 - 11:45 a.m.*

To *Gov Osborn*

Can you not leave fifteen
carbines here Indians
attacked Kay Camp
yesterday in six miles
R M Wright
16 paid

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Ford Co.

R. M. Wright, tel to Gov.
asking for carbines. Inds reptd
six miles from Dodge

Sep. 17. 1874

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WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Nepeka Sept 19 1874

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

*To Hon W. A. Phillips M.C.,
Washington D.C.*

*The frontier is in an unprotected condition, Twenty two
Citizens of Kansas have been murdered within the State by Indians
since June last, and they are still murdering and planning
unprotected settlers. Endeavor to obtain from Government Cavalry
arms, accoutrements and ammunition for two regiments of
militia. I can furnish the President, if desired, a regiment
of troops for service at short notice*

Thomas A. Osborn



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CHICAGO, ILL. } 3.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Arkansas City Ks 18 1874

Received at via Wichita Ks 21

To Loa Thas A Osborn

Lafayette

Cannot say certain but have reliable information that there are from seventy five to one hundred Osage warriors out

G. H. Norton
Capt Comdg Co A
Cowley County

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Cowley Co.
Capt. G. H. Norton, Co. H. Cowley Co. Mil.
information of Osages in warpath.
Sep. 21. 1874

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Arkansas City Mo 29 1874
via Wichita Mo 30

Received at Sept 30 - 12 40 P M

To Col C A Morris

Adt Genl - Topeka

A party of about sixty
five young Big Hill Osages
crossed the Arkansas river below
mouth of Salt Fork Friday
the eighteenth & crossed the
Sill trail on Sunday the
nineteenth near Skeleton Creek
going west probably bound for
the country between Mule Creek
and the supply road to
operate on the medicine lodge
settlement

G H Norton
Capt Co A Cavalry Co

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Cowley Co.

Capt. G. H. Norton, Co. A. Cowley Co. Mil.

Rept of 60 Osages on Ark. river
and near Skeleton creek

d. Sep. 29. 1874

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GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Wichita Ks 30 1874

Received at Sept 30 - 1230 P.M.

To J. Adl Paul Morris

Topeka Ks

Sixty five to one hundred
Osages Crossed trail south
of Suicko Ranch all on
it direction Medicine
Lodge

Capt Cash Henderson

25t Paid

Low Rate