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Head Quarters 7th Infantry

Cantonment Gibson
13th Jany 1826

Sir

I have the honor to report that a Mr. Leggit who arrived at this post from Cantonment Towson on this 11th Inst. informed me that when on Red River, he was advised by Genl. Bradford, that a party of Indians composed of Cherokees, Delawares, and some of another tribe (perhaps Shawnees) had lately killed five Osage warriors, on or near the Red River. This with other information received scarcely admits a doubt of the Osages having been killed and by a party composed of the Tribes referred to. The Osages missing, belonged to Clermores band, he with some of his chiefs were here on the 12th Inst. they remarked that they were confidant five of their men had been killed as they went in the direction of the Cherokee and Deleware Hunters, and it is long since they ought to have returned to their friends. The Chief, and those with him, assured me that their Band would remain quiet, and depend on the interposition of our Government for Redress. I have

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written to the Cherokee Agent, requesting him to keep me advised of their movements, and if possible, to restrain them from further aggression, until measures can be taken to settle their difficulties with the Osages in a friendly manner

There is reason to believe that it is the intention of the Cherokees, Delewares and other tribes on White River to go to war against the Osages in the Spring. This would unavoidably impair the security of our Citizens on this Frontier, and probably lead to very unpleasant consequences. I have written to the Superintendant of Indian affairs at St. Louis, and advised him of the necessity of measures being immediatly taken to preserve peace between the tribes in this Quarter.

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Col. Arbuckle

I have the Honor to be

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Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

M. Arbuckle

Camp Commander

To His Excellency

Govrn Geo. Izard

Little Rock

Arkansas Ty.

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