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Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
S. W. KEARNEY,
Colonel First dragoons.

Brig.-Gen. R. Jones,
Adjutant-General, U. S. army,
Washington, D. C.

11.

Headquarters Camp Kearney, near the }
junction of Table creek and the }
Missouri, May 30, 1846. }

Sir: I have to report that the strength of my command has been reduced by the departure of forty-five men of Company C, First dragoons, under the orders of the captain. They left here this morning for Fort Leavenworth, agreeable to instructions from the colonel of the First dragoons, and are designed, I learn, for distant service. I am thus left with thirty-nine enlisted men (some on the sick report) and seven citizen mechanics to erect the quarters, defences, &c., for the fort contemplated at this point, and to furnish the necessary camp guard. Eight privates were reported "for duty" this morning, that is for guard duty and incidental fatigue duty. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
C. WHARTON,
Major First dragoons,
Commanding.

Brig.-Gen. Jones,
Adjutant-General, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

12.

Headquarters Third Military Dept., }
St. LOUIS, Mo., June 1, 1846. }

Sir:—Since I had made the enclosed communication to Colonel Kearney, I have been advised of the arrival of twenty-five recruits for the First infantry, which will be sent up the Missouri at once, and will also direct that Lieut. Smith and detachment of Moore's troop will return to Fort Leavenworth and join their company.

I would respectfully recommend that Prince's company at the new post, fall back on Fort Leavenworth, bringing with them all the materials for the new work, awaiting a more propitious period for its construction. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Your most Obedt. Servt.,
GEO. M. BROOKE,
Brig. Genl. U. S. A.,
Commanding.

Brig. General R. Jones,
Adjutant General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.

13.

Head Qrs. Third Military Dept., }
St. LOUIS, Mo., June 1, 1846. }

Colonel:

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I hope to receive orders to stop the new work on Table creek, so that you can take the whole of Moore's troop and not leave any part of it at the new post,

as I have understood you intended to retain Lieut. Smith and some ten or twelve Dragoons at that place, and that Lieut. Prince may be directed to return to Fort Leavenworth, bringing with him all the lumber and materials to be preserved at the latter place, for future use. Prince's command, even if his company were full, is entirely too small to effect any salutary object and would in the event of any excitement among the Indians, be placed in a very delicate position, it not being under any kind of protective work or in the reach of ready assistance.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.,
GEO. M. BROOKE,
Brig. General U. S. A.
Colonel S. W. Kearney,
First Dragoons,
Commanding Fort Leavenworth.

14.

Headquarters Camp Kearney, }
June 4, 1846. }

Sir:—I desire to correct an error I made a few days ago in the report of the strength of my command. In speaking of the number of sick, I stated there were thirteen sick. This was wrong for I thereby included those sick in Company C, First dragoons, most of whom went hence with the company. This morning's report exhibits a total strength of thirty-seven enlisted men—certainly too few to erect this post. Not less than two full companies should be kept here for that object and for the police of this frontier. I can mount but one sentinel and provide the men for the service of the quartermaster's department. Should less than two companies be retained here, I suggest to the general whether Fort Leavenworth would not be a more appropriate station for me in the absence of Colonel Kearney than this, where I see no early prospect of there being even a captain's command.

I find the post route to this place a very tedious one. I recommend therefore that communication for this command be sent to Fort Leavenworth with orders to send them thither by express. I have not a single horse for duty, nor to follow a trespassing party of Otoes.

Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.,
C. WHARTON,
Major First Dragoons,
Commanding.

Lieut R. B. Garnett,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General,
St. Louis, Mo.

15.

Headquarters of the Army,
Adjutant General's Office,
WASHINGTON, June 16, 1846. }

General Orders No. —

The country west of the 100 of longitude west from Greenwich, and north of the 32 of north latitude, within the United States, or which may be conquered by their forces, until further orders, will constitute a department within the Western division, to be desig-

nated the Ninth, to the command of which Colonel S. W. Kearney, First Dragoons, is assigned.

By command of Major General Scott.
16.

A. G. O., WASHINGTON, June 22, 1846.

General: Your letter of the 1st instant has been received, and as recommended by you the new work at Table creek will be suspended for the present. You will accordingly please to order the troops to fall back to Fort Leavenworth, with such instructions to the commanding officer as may be necessary.

I am, general, &c.,
R. JONES,
Adjutant-General.

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. G. M. Brooke,
Commanding Western Division,
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
17.

Headquarters Fort Leavenworth, }
July 13, 1846. }

Sir: I have to report that Company A, First infantry (53 aggregate) under the command of First Lieutenant Prince, First infantry, arrived here this morning from Table creek.

I avail myself of this occasion to say, with a view to keep you advised of matters connected with the march upon Santa Fe, that not a company of the regiment authorized to be raised by the Hon. Sterling Price has yet reached here, nor do I know positively that any portion of that force is on the march. I have been shown a letter stating that he had accepted as many companies as he required. Mr. T. L. Price, who was expected to raise a separate battalion, I learn has abandoned the intention of making the attempt. No news from Colonel Kearney. Respectfully,

Your obedt. servt.,
C. WHARTON,
Major First dragoons,
Commanding.

Brig.-Gen. Jones,
Adjutant-General,
Washington, D. C.

18.

FORT ARBUCKLE, C. N. }
August 6, 1858. }

General: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, yesterday, of your communication of the 16th of July last, in reference to the purchase of the reservations at old Fort Kearney.

In the early part of 1846 I left Fort Leavenworth, with General Brooke, Colonel Kearney and Major Wharton, for the purpose of establishing a new post at or near the mouth of Table creek.

The day after our arrival the site of old Fort Kearney was selected and General Brooke, anticipating important dispatches from Washington in relation to the war with Mexico, left the same day with Colonel Kearney for Fort Leavenworth, leaving Major Wharton to construct the work; having for this purpose Moore's company of the First