

Gov F. R. Lubbock

1862

Dear Sir I am an old frontiers man, and have time and again taken a hand in ^{the} pursuit of Indians depredating on the frontier

For the last year I have been absent tracking to Pikes Peak with cattle and hoping to that country I ascertained that the general rendezvous of the Indians who depredate upon the frontier of Texas is upon the Arkansas River say 350 or 400 miles from here, As I returned home some two months since I saw a large number of Comanches with some four or five thousand horses that have been stolen from Texas

These Indians are paid by the ~~past~~ U. S. Posts at Fort Adams on the Arkansas and Fort Bent, and the Indians are paid by the U. S. Troops occupying these posts for all the scalps taken from Texas, They are perfectly friendly with the U. S. Troops and in fact with all except Texans

I am satisfied that we will not have any rest from these Indians until we go to their general rendezvous and destroy them, I am satisfied that with a few companies of men great good can be done by an expedition against



them. I had a talk with Col. Morris
of the Texas Frontier Regiment
a few days since, I want his coop-
eration in the expedition,

now I propose this to raise say three
or four Companies of men for the
expedition to act in conjunction
with Col. Morris or under his command
if that be more desirable in an expe-
dition, I propose not only to break
up and destroy this encampment
of Louisiana, but I propose also to
take the U. S. Posts in the neighborhood
of these Louisiana; a thing that can
be easily done, because the troops
stationed at the Posts have been ordered
off to the assistance of the Federal
troops in New Mexico, besides there
is a large amount of military
stores and property of various
kinds at these Posts which we
could take and destroy.

now I am aware that the present
contests with the garrison Joe and
shallows every thing else, but this
is a matter that concerns peculi-
arly the people of the Texas frontier
I propose that these men that I
raise shall go into the Confederate
or State's Service as you may

desire, and I propose that they
will go without a dollar pay
from the Government if matters
are so that they cannot be paid
by the Government, and the reason
I ask your interposition in the
matter at all is because it is
almost impossible to control
men in such an expedition
without their being ^{Governed} ~~controlled~~
by State or Confederate auth-
ority, I only want the matter
so fixed that the expedition can
be governed and controlled

Now I do not know that this
matter is in your power, if it
is in any way so that I can
anywhere the expedition under
the management of Col. Morris if
it be necessary I would be satisfied

I am perfectly confident
of the success of the enterprise
if the assistance of the Government
can be obtained, I could also
with the expedition go to Denver
City the Capital of Pike's Peak
and release some sixty or seventy
prisoners now in jail there an
account of their Southern prin-
ciples and in my judgment

I could exterminate the Indians
who have for so many years depreda-
ated on this frontier

I desire to start about the first of
June, In the talk I had with
Col. Morris I thought he was dis-
posed to listen to the suggestions
and he is now preparing to make
an expedition, I hope this matter
will receive your very best reflection
and that you may be able to
assist in the matter - in other
words give me authority to name
the men or if that cannot be done
then assist in any way that can
be done to effect the object sought.

Respectfully
Oliver Loving

The undersigned are well acquainted
with Oliver Loving and they have
no hesitation in stating that he is
perfectly reliable and any statement
he may make is entitled to credence
and we recommend him as a suitable
person to carry out the above enterprise

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