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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

St. Louis, Aug. 9. 1868.

Dear Sanborn.

I have your letter of August 1. I did not get access to the Law till today, and can only say that I get no hint how I can pay the outstanding accounts of the Recon Commission.

They ought to be paid of course. but if I pay all those bills, what can I do with the Law, the Crown &c.

I now understand fully that instead of big Europeans - and as the newspapers

I go to Leavenworth on Tuesday, & thence to Omaha on military business

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August 14/21
Wm. H. Freeman
Answer Aug 31/68

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give it, to regulate and
Control Indian matters
I am made the scape
goat, of the whole
thing.

The same goes for
the same Supd^y of
Indian affairs. The
same claim for the
money, and the same
Indian put off with
promises.

I will try and keep
the Peace on the Plains
and may use this fund.
but I want let
Congress throw on me
the disbursement of
money, and auditing
accounts.

I am willing that
the Secretary of the

Interior should see the
fund of 500000, and
pay all outstanding
debts, and let me
know the balance,
that I may distribute
it to parties who will
distribute it for the benefit
of the Indians.

I believe the whole
thing was done to make
the world believe I had
Control of Indian matters,
whereas in fact I have
no more now than
before.

Yrs,
W. L. Sherman
Lieut.

Head Quarters Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska, Aug 21 1868.

General John B. Sanborn,

Indian Reservation Commissioner,

St Paul Minn.

Dear Gene.

I have your letter of Aug 18. with enclosure. I cannot undertake to express to you how I hate again to be involved in money acts. In more than ten years in the Army and on Ranch. I would much rather take the chance of a Battle than an endless war of word and paper with Auditors &c but I suppose there is no help for it. The men manner of drawing the money out of the Treasury is not yet certain. but I have made my Requisition in the case of Indians for the following transfers. I have planned to credit with St Louis

Gen Geo Ledy. Navajo's money	112. 500
Gen Haring - (500 000) for Limit	100. 000
Gen Ayres for Cover Sucker &c	50 000
Capt Lamotte for Crow.	50. 000
Gen Horn. & facilities removal of Chyams. Anapokas &c	50. 000

Out of this 50 000 Ayres must pay the
expenses already incurred. and Sucker
Haring must have 100 000 more in the
Spring. - Thus you see I have retained
in my own hand an amount for these
outstanding accounts but \$150,000. of which the
big end will be scrambled for as you know.

In no event and under no pressure
will I authorize the creation of debt of
our Govt beyond the money appropriated.
Even if Indians should declare a war
now.

I contend that Congress
should assume all this Risk and
provide for it and not throw it off
on me. They may mean it as
compliment but they do not. And
though the future hope has ample

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fund for annuities, and for contingencies
I already find them referring to me
for paper matters that don't belong
to me. This Rice makes me a
subordinate of the Indian Dept. and
my accounts will be subject to them.
and I will be held responsible for
all errors and omissions. Of course
this was not contemplated but the
laws of the Treasury are inexorable.

I believe if all the money appropriated
was subject to my supervision, and
all the agents under my control I could
do the thing, and what I object to is
this patch work, and proclamation
that I now have the right to check
for irregularities. I have no
more control of agents than hitherto.

You will have observed that the Chey-
ennes and Arapahos have pitched in to
the settlements of the Solomon & Saline,
have killed men, women & children.

ravished women, and carried off many
Captives. Ensigns and Sully are often
there, and I hope will kill all that
were concerned, a knowing of it. They
may escape South of the Arkansas -
but no Cheyenne or Arapaho, shall
remain a threat for me now till these men
are skinned up and killed. We have
dallied with them long enough. The
only provocation I can hear is that
North, with some few Scouts & other
Rangers went down on the Republican
to hunt buffaloes. - While running Buffaloes
they were attacked & fought. North &
the Rangers are supposed to have got
the best of the fight, and now the
Cheyennes have ravaged the settlers by an
attack on the settlers - There may
be other causes, but this is all we know
now. I understand that all
the Indians, Rangers and all
have a right to hunt on the
common Buffalo Range. I will
be back at St Louis by the 6th of

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September. and if the fund has been
transferred as asked for. I will
then settle these outstanding accounts
of the Ream Commission. But will
pay none till each voucher is
computed. Criticized by you or
Engen that they are just. and have
not been paid. I see John
Dine here. and will tell him
how to prepare his vouchers. If you
can communicate to Gates and
Huntly let them know the
same. Kountze & Ward are also
here. and I will tell them.

Antie Engen breaks up three
better Superintendent's. and organizes
the two Commissions for Indians. with all
apts. subordinate to the Governor.
as the Ream Commission recommended
the work of the Commission is incom-
plete. If these two Commissions
could have a military form. and

be Subordinate to the best Commander,
with all his servants subject to the
same laws which form the Army. the
I would hope for some result to our
labors. I will be at Chicago on
the 7th of October, and we should
elaborate on Report. I want
Henderson to be there also. Ayres
is now here, and will also attend.

I want it to be fully understood that
I am not the father of any Indian Policy -
for I have long since despaired of getting
Indians to work. And to think work. They
will simply subside into a condition of
~~paupers~~, dependent on the annual
charity of a Congress - a most un-
stable dependence as you well know -
I will not beg Congress for anything.
May we so suspicious that any newspapers
can scare them from any course of
action.

Yours truly,

W. L. Sherman

a in fine order.

We are all getting along
here as smoothly as
reasonable men should
expect.

Yrs

W. S. Sherman

Head-Quarters, Armies of the United States,

Washington, D. C., July 7 1869

Dear Sir,

Yrs of Jun 26. is
received and read. We
cannot always do what
we wish, and must take
the best chance that offers.
This is the case in the
Indian Administration -
In time the right result
will be reached, and
we must use the
means at hand -
Officers of the Army

are not men crime
than citizens, but they
are possessed of that force
which Indians must see
and feel to respect authority.
Individual displays of
wrongful authority - many
of course result. but
far less, under present
system than the old one.

Officers can now assist
the Indian Department
by the use & display of
force that will make
the wandering tribes keep

on their Reservations
within the influence of
the more humane policy
of the Civil Bureau.
Though anxious to
divest the military of all
control within the Res-
ervations. I find the Sec-
of the Interior, asking
for the transfer of such
men, as Horn, Getty,
Lamotte &c - but Horn
is reliable. He is too
hard to keep in bounds
either in many matters.

Jan 4th 1869
Lt. Genl Sherman

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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

Saint Louis. Jan 7 1869.

Dear General.

I have your letter
of Jan 2. Mr Campbell
presented the account today.
I wish he had done so
before. I had just turned
over to Harny about 3000.
of a Release. as I wanted
to close my accounts. I
have written Harny a note
to pay this account. he is
since at the South. he
goes to Washington to
advance the cause of
the South. He has from
from 3 or 400000 one
the amount I gave him,
and my orders limited

him to \$200,000

I don't like this at all.
When an attempt is made
on Indian, the latter
sets down a bygone,
and won't raise a hand
to help himself. I
think Harry will find
Congress will incline to
give him the money,
and the matter will
be charged to me. Though
I took the precaution
to limit him to the
sum named.

Harry is doing well.
and between him and
Maiden. I think we
can secure the Iowa
Reservation, but the
bribe are going to be
a big bother to us for
years.

Ross writes me that the
Senate Committee will not
transfer the Bureau. But
recommend the Independent
Dept. This may make
matters worse. For it
will justify the Agents
and Indian in their
system.

Re Indian, unless
he can be collected on
the two Reservations, we
have arranged for. he
is doomed.

Yrs truly
W. L. Shaw
Seneca.

Invitation from Genl
William T. Sherman to
Gen. 1867

Original invitation of Gen.
Wm. T. Sherman to Gen. San-
born to take supper at his house
house, October 5, 1867.



Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

St. Louis Oct 2 1867.

Gen. Sanborn.

Further Home

Dear General.

Will you do me
the favor to come to my
Home. 912 St. Louis
Avenue Saturday Evening
Oct 5, to a supper
party. Most of the
Members of the Indian
Commission - Supper
at 9 P.M.

Yrs
W. T. Sherman
Lt. Gen.

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