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## Letter from the Secretary of War, relative to the Fort Kearney Military Reservation in Nebraska.

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FORT KEARNEY MILITARY RESERVATION.

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L E T T E R

FROM

T H E S E C R E T A R Y O F W A R ,

RELATIVE TO

*The Fort Kearney military reservation in Nebraska.*

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DECEMBER 10, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*December 7, 1874.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to report to the House of Representatives that the Fort Kearney military reservation, in Nebraska, being no longer required for military purposes, was abandoned, and all the stores of value removed in 1871.

As the tract of land comprising this reservation was purchased for military purposes from the Pawnee Indians, under treaty made and concluded on the 6th day of August, 1848, and the treaty ratified by the Senate January 8, 1849, and proclaimed by the Executive on the 18th day of January, 1849, it thus comes within the prohibition regarding the sale of military sites contained in the sixth section of the act of June 12, 1858, chapter 156; and as the land, although useless for military purposes, must be held until the Department is authorized by law to dispose of it, the passage of an act is respectfully recommended, authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer this reservation to the custody of the honorable Secretary of the Interior, for disposition for cash, according to the existing laws of the United States relative to the sale of the public lands.

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*