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ALLEGED CONNECTION OF CERTAIN MORMONS WITH THE
PIUTE AND NAVAJO OUTBREAK.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RESPONSE TO

A resolution of the House of Representatives relative to the alleged action of certain Mormons in inciting the Piute and Navajo Indians to outbreak.

FEBRUARY 7, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on the Territories and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 3, 1882.

The SPEAKER,
House of Representatives :

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 27th ultimo, calling for information touching alleged action on the part of certain residents of the Territories, known as Mormons, in inciting the Piute and Navajo Indians of Arizona to outbreaks, &c.; and in reply respectfully invite your attention to the inclosed copies of papers received from the honorable Secretary of War, by reference of the 20th ultimo.

The papers presented contain all the information in this department touching the subject of inquiry of the resolution.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF PHOENIX HOTEL,
Mrs. R. SALAN, *Proprietress,*
East Washington Street, Phoenix, Ariz., December 17, 1881.

General O. B. WILLCOX,
Whipple, A. T. :

MY DEAR GENERAL: May I call your attention to the inclosed telegram? These whisperings of *Mormon* work are growing louder and more positive, and I very much fear that their present secret actions *will* soon produce dire results, unless cognizance is taken of the matter.

As I said to you when here, there is no doubt that our Mormon neighbors at Mesa City and other points east of us here, are pursuing the same course, and the facts can be established by reliable evidence. Most people know the facts but hesitate to accuse the Mormons, because of business connections, trade considerations, &c. Unless this snake be scotched, its venomous spring is only a question of time.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS F. HOPKINS.

[Inclosure.]

INDIAN OUTBREAK EXPECTED.

[Special to the Bulletin.]

LEAVENWORTH, December 14.

Chris Gilson, who has been a government scout for thirty-five years, reported to General Pope yesterday. He says there is no doubt but that there will be an uprising of the Utes, the Piutes, and the Navajos in the spring that will cause much trouble to the white settlers in the valleys. He says that a junction of bands will be formed probably at some place in New Mexico. The Utes who have been placed in Utah, he says, are being freely furnished with arms and provisions by the Mormons, who are affiliating with the Indians and giving them all the whisky they want. Gilson is the oldest scout in the service, and is considered reliable.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA,
Whipple Barracks, Prescott, December 31, 1881.

Respectfully forwarded to Headquarters Military Division of the Pacific for the information of the proper authorities, with recommendation that the letter be referred to the Attorney-General for the service of detectives.

Mr. Hopkins is a reliable gentleman; a man of education and good standing, controlling eastern capital in mining business in Maricopa County, Arizona.

O. B. WILLCOX,
Brevet Major-General, Commanding Department.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION PACIFIC
AND DEPARTMENT CALIFORNIA,
Presidio, January 6, 1882.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant-General.

IRVIN McDOWELL,
*Major-General, Commanding Division
and Department.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., January 20, 1882.

Respectfully transmitted to the honorable the Secretary of the Interior for his information.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN,
Secretary of War.