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Fort Conrad, M. T., Apl 22d 1883

Col Guido Ilges
Commdg Fort Assiniboine

Dear Sir:

I have this day written to Gen. Ruger a statement of the condition of the Pegan Indians in this Section who are actually fast approaching a state of starvation.

I have written him my opinion of the causes which have led to this state of affairs and the remedy viz: The immediate presence of Troops in the Country. Not a scouting Party here one day and gone the next but a permanent Camp of Cavalry or two Mounted Infantry. While everyone's attention is called to the actions of the Cree Indians no one seems to know that

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the Pegans abov here are nightly
Killing Cattle off the Reservation to
Keep themselves from starvation
Very soon things will
come to a head if some action is
not taken

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Jos Kipp

Fort Conrad N.T.
April 22nd 1883.

Kipp Joseph

Informs that he has
written General Rugen
of condition of Piegan
Indians in that section
who are approaching a
state of starvation &c
Recommends that a
permanent Camp of
Cavalry or Mounted
Infantry be established
there.