

Chicago Sept 11th 1862

Hon E. M. Stanton

Secretary of War

Sir

The recent order cre-
-ating the Department of the "North West,"
- does in places the Overland Mail line,
and our route of communication now
- threatened with Indian obstruction, part-
-ly in the New Department, and partly
in that of Kansas.

I would call your attention to
the difficulty of securing a proper pro-
-tection to the route up the Platte river,
with a section of it in the middle com-
-manded from the remote Head quarters
at St Pauls.

Supplies for the winter subsistence

of about 30,000 people must pass over this route this fall to Colorado, or the people will be subject to the horrors of starvation in addition to those of an impending Indian war,-

I hope that part of the Territory of Nebraska, South of the Platte river, and West of the East line of Colorado, will be restored to the Department of Kansas, that the defenses of the Overland Mail route, and the route of transportation to Colorado across the plains, may be under a united head, with unity of direction.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
your obedient servant

John Evans
Governor of
Colorado Territory