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Majr.

I have received the copy of Colonel Parker's letter of March 14 from Omaha. and wish General Grant may be disturbed by it. I will repeat what has heretofore been reported that General Hancock is not operating against the band of Indians who are now between the Platte and the Republican. but against the Cheyennes and Arapahos. Kiowa & Comanches South of the Arkansas.

As to General Terry, as soon as the Missouri River opens he will go in person to the Missouri River and ascend it to any point where his presence may be necessary. He has orders and we cannot give him. nor can

to support a force of Cavalry to carry
on war against the Sioux from the
Missouri River. The distances are
so great that we cannot drive these
Sioux against a closed line. The
intervals are and will necessarily
be so great that the Indians can
and will pass between the Posts, and
any sort of campaign will be
inconclusive, and we can only
destroy the hostile Indians in detail
as opportunities afford.

As soon as the Commissioner's Report
we will be ready to take these Indians
in hand. But I have no hopes that
we can do much if anything so long
as our action must be kept subordi-
nate to the opinions and interests
of Indian Agents.

With great respect

W. T. Sherman

General Command