General:

If you Belknap has not reported what the telegraph attributes to me in regard to Indian matters, he is guilty of reckless misrepresentation on criminal stupidity. A murderous and unpunished warfare is not now being carried on upon the Plains by savage Indians upon small parties of defenseless settlers and Rail Road Surveying.
Quartermaster and Commissary, The government must not be deluded by any such reports as the fort.

Very Respectfully,

John M. Mayer
Adjutant

General M. H. Grant,