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Post-Master
Fort Osage

H. Atkinson
Mch. 8 '25

St. Louis, March 8th, 1825

D Sir.

I have recd. your letter of the 20th ultimo, informing me that several persons have moved over the Indian boundary upon the Kansas lands, and are erecting houses. This act is directly in violation of law & positive instructions of the president of the U. States. I have therefore to request that you will inform the persons who have gone over the line, that if they do not return within the boundary that it will become my duty to use force to compel them to do so- a measure that would be very disagreeable to me, and injurious to them.

With great respect Sir, I am,

Very resp'y. Your ob. Svt.

H. Atkinson

B. Gen. in U. S. Army

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