with the employment of such of the friendly Tribes as you may think proper for the purpose of procuring information of the designs of the hostile Tribes.

Your intimate knowledge of the Indian character makes it unnecessary to give more than general instructions.

Great confidence is reposed in your discretion & management which the President trusts will at all times be exerted for the public benefit.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
A. Sidney Johnston
Secretary pro tem

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