



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No. 156.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHWEST,
St. Paul, Minn., May 26, 1863.

SIR: General Sibley has instructed me to enclose to you a copy, which you will find herewith, of a list of the Sioux Indians and half-breeds in camp at Fort Snelling, under the *surveillance* of the United States military authorities during the winter. The list was made December 2, 1862. There was a considerable number of deaths in the camp after the list was made out. Nearly fifty of the acquitted men, prisoners from the Mankato prison, were added to the number after the opening of the navigation. The families are mostly those of the condemned Indians now in confinement near Davenport, Iowa. The families of the half-breeds who have land entered with their scrip on the Minnesota river, and of others with some reliable Indians who have been kept for use as scouts to the expedition about to take the field, were not despatched with the main camp to their new homes on the Missouri river.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. C. OLIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Col. CHARLES E. MIX,
Chief Clerk of Indian Bureau, now in St. Paul.

FORT SNELLING, *December 2, 1862.*

Agreeably to Special Order No. 45, I herein return the census of the Indian camp, together with an inventory of all property, except such as I regard as strictly the personal effects of families.