

glut their vengeance on us. The humane policy of the government will not apply to these deluded people. Like the pirates of the sea, their hand is against every man, and the hand of every man should be against them. Faithless to the government in everything, it will surely be the policy of the government to let them receive that kind of chastisement which will quiet them effectually, and make a lasting example for others. The future growth and prosperity of our country is to be decided for years by the policy that is now to be pursued by the government in relation to the Indians. Our existence as a people is at stake, and great as the resources of our country are, the security of the lives of our people depends on our vigilance, caution and bravery. The assistance of our government may be too late for us; let us not then await the arrival of our enemies at our doors, but advance upon them, fight them, watch them, and hold them in check. Let us avoid surprise and ambuscades. Let every volunteer lie with his arms in his hands, so that when he rises to his feet, the line of battle will be formed. If attacked in the night, we will charge the enemy at a quick pace and even front. The eyes of the people are upon us; let us endeavor, by our actions, to retain the confidence and support of our countrymen."

The command marched to the scene of the murder of St. Vrain, Fowler, Hale, and Hawley, near Buffalo Grove (which is near Polo Station, on the Illinois Central rail-road), where they found and buried the bodies of the three former; the body of Hawley was never recovered. At this point, Capt. Stephenson separated from the command, and returned to Galena, with his company. Col. Dodge proceeded with the remainder of the mounted volunteers to the camp of the regular troops, at Dixon's Ferry. Gen. Hugh Brady was in command here, Gen. Atkinson's headquarters having been removed to the rapids of the Illinois River (now Ottawa), where he was engaged in organizing three brigades of Illinois volunteers. Col. Dodge, with twenty-five of his mounted volunteers, escorted Gen. Brady to Gen. Atkinson's headquarters, where, on the 11th of June, the plan of the campaign was agreed upon, and Col. Dodge received his orders. The whole command of volunteers then returned to Gratiot's Grove, where, on the 14th