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ALTA CALIFORNIA.—All the accounts which we have received from this distant portion of our country, which we are now warranted in calling ours, confirm the previous impression we had formed of its fine climate, fertility, and resources. These, coupled with the importance of its geographical position, must, under the judicious and fostering care of a wise government, and the natural enterprise of our people, ere long, render it one of the brightest jewels in our confederated coronet.

The importance of this vast and valuable territory must be, to every reflective and patriotic American mind, a source of exultation and anxiety. Exultation at the extension of American principles, the triumph of American arms, and the great impulse it is destined to give to American commerce; and anxiety, sincere anxiety, that such a sound system of order, protection and impartial justice, may be early established there as shall unite all interests, and beget unlimited confidence amongst the mixed population of that extensive region, in our desire and ability to promote their welfare and happiness, and protect their persons and property. To accomplish this, in the present belligerent state of our relations with Mexico, and the daring and predatory habits of the roving bands of Indians and robbers who infest the ranchos and villages, and plunder the farmers and peaceable inhabitants, is no easy matter, and seems to demand some further consideration and energetic action from the Government at Washington.

A modified system of military colonization would, perhaps, be the most economical and effective mode to accomplish these desirable objects; nor do we conceive that the government would experience much difficulty in procuring, in this city alone, a reasonable number of men willing to serve during the war, and afterwards, for the consideration of moderate grants of land, become permanent settlers; and, without further recompense, keep up their organization for the defence of that country and the protection of property, &c. &c. Such a class of men would have the strongest interest in the preservation of order, and the efficient defence of the country would cost the Government but little; and if composed of intelligent and industrious men, would exert a powerful influence in developing the resources of the country, extending its commerce, and attaching to our institutions its half civilized inhabitants.—*N. Y. Herald.*