

SAN JOSE INTELLIGENCE.

Special Correspondence.

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An appropriation of the public moneys for any purpose whatever, no matter how necessary, is an act which is always contemplated with horror and indignation by several members of the Assembly. It is usually resisted as an arbitrary and unconstitutional usurpation of power which no necessity or danger can justify. Whether these gentlemen are anxious to be known as economists, or whether they are political monomaniacs cannot at present be determined. At the beginning of the session I had occasion to call your attention to the fact that a motion to print the Standing Rules of the House was resisted upon similar grounds. Members having upon that occasion declared that they would resign their seats unless they were furnished with copies of the rules, the economists finally permitted them to be printed.

I have now to notice the fact that the bill which passed the Senate last night, authorizing the Governor to empower the Sheriff of Mariposa county to call out a volunteer force of only 250 men, for the purpose of protecting the citizens of that county from the merciless tomahawk and scalping knife of the Indians was defeated in the House to-day, because it appropriated the pittance of \$10 per diem for the pay of each volunteer. The appeal which the Executive has made upon the Legislature for aid in this alarming exigency has therefore been denied by the economists because the war cannot be carried on without an expenditure of money!

The following are the ayes and noes upon a motion to postpone the bill indefinitely:

Ayes—Messrs. Baldwin, Bennett, Bodley, Bradford, Brown, Campbell, Carr, Carnes, Kellogg, McCandless, McCorkle, McDougal, Moore, Pico, Robinson, Saunders, Stearns—17.

Noes—Messrs. Crano, Field, Hall, Hoff, Kendrick, Lisle, Merritt, Murphy, Richardson, Thorne, Wethered, Wilkins, Yeiser, Speaker—14.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed, and the people of Mariposa must take care of themselves if they can. While the bill was before the Senate, last evening, Gov. McDougal was present, manifesting the utmost interest in its fate, and, by his presence, aiding and encouraging its passage. I am at a loss to account for the vote given by his brother in favor of the indefinite postponement of the bill.

While upon this subject, I wish to state that it is not true, as stated by the *Argus* of this morning, that Dr. Wozencraft, one of the U. S. Commissioners, has gone to Sonoma to procure a detachment of U. S. troops, with a view to lead them against the Indians. It is, however, true that he is on a visit to Gen. Smith's head quarters at Sonoma, to procure an escort for himself and the other Commissioners.

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The Senate adopted a concurrent resolution making
the election of a U. S. Senator a special order for the 29th
inst. Mr. Broderick gave notice that he would to-mor-
row move a reconsideration of the resolution.

Mr. Heydenfeldt introduced a bill to provide for the
payment of fees to sheriffs for services rendered in en-
forcing the foreign tax law.

Mr. Van Buren introduced a bill declaring grants of
land made by Alcaldes and Indians legal and valid.

The House passed the following Senate bills:

An act to exempt firemen from military service and
jury duty; and an act repealing the act concerning the
office of State Assayer, smelter and refiner of gold, and
defining his duties.

The House also passed the bills originating in that bo-
dy, and entitled respectively an act concerning divorces,
and an act to authorise the holding of a special term of
the District Court of El Dorado County.