

REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC.

January 30, 1855: From General J. E. Wool.
February 26, 1855: From the same.
April 11, 1855: From the same.
September 4, 1855: From the same.
October 19, 1855: From the same.
October 24, 1855: From Governor Curry, of Oregon, enclosing—
A. Letter from Major G. J. Rains.
B. Governor Curry's reply.
C. Proclamation calling for volunteers.
D. Proclamation calling for more volunteers.
E. General Order, No. 10.
November 3, 1855: From General J. E. Wool.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC,
Benicia, January 30, 1855.

SIR: It appears from reports received from Brevet Lieut. Colonel Buchanan, commanding Fort Humboldt, that, about the 10th instant, the whites living at Orleans bar, and at the mouth of Salmon river, some thirty miles from Fort Humboldt, "under the impression that the natives contemplated a general outbreak next spring, determined to demand a universal surrender of their fire-arms, ammunition," &c. Meantime a party of the whites, under the impression that prompt and energetic action would make "an indelible impression" on the river tribes, "without any general consultation in the matter, proceeded to certain Indian ranches, and with fire destroyed them and their contents."

The result was, that the Indians retaliated by shooting some of the party.

The above extracts are taken from a citizen's letter, who calls upon Colonel Buchanan for aid in protecting the peaceful inhabitants against further apprehended attacks upon them. In sixteen hours after the despatch was received, Colonel Buchanan sent a command to the scene of difficulty, and it is hoped he will be able to restrain the Indians, who in this department are even more ready to listen to reason than the lawless whites, who so often wantonly attack them.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
New York, February 26, 1855.

. Respectfully forwarded for the information of the War Department.
L. THOMAS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Feb. 27, 1855.*
