

VOLUNTEER COMPANY.—The resolution which passed the Assembly the other day, authorizing the Governor to call into service a volunteer company of fifty-five men to protect the lives and property of citizens in the northern portion of the State, was concurred in by the Senate on Friday. This will be good news to our readers in the vicinity of Crescent City, for whose especial benefit we herald it.— Fifty-five men, well armed and provided, can effect a great deal. We only hope they will temper justice with mercy; for too often, far too often, have civilized men carried their vengeance to extremes which cannot be justified, and made themselves worse barbarians than those they slew.

We clip the above from the *State Tribune* of Jan. 20th. We are decidedly opposed to the plan, which seems to have been recommended to Gov. Johnson by the Legislature, of sending up volunteers from below to fight the Indians in this section of the State. There are men enough on the ground to defend the frontier and chastise the Indians without subjecting the State to the expense of enlisting and sending up idlers from the cities below.

This is the class that would be raised, for men would not leave their business to go on a crusade against Diggers and take pay in war bonds or scrip of the State with the remote prospect of having liabilities, contracted under such circumstances, assumed by the Federal Government.

The proper course would have been to authorize the Governor to organise volunteer companies in the Northern part of the State and send them arms from below and thus they could then do their own fighting with one-half the expense to the State. One company raised from the packers and miners of these northern mountains, having a full knowledge of the character and habits of their enemy, and also the country in which they are to operate, would accomplish more in a given time than a regiment of the class that must necessarily come from below.

