

Editorial Correspondence.

The Indian Expedition.

Stockton, Sunday, Feb. 9, 1851

The Indian expedition is now making active preparations for a move to the Mariposa. The members of the commission, as you know, left your city on Friday afternoon last, for this place, upon the steamboat Capt. Sutter, and remained at Benicia all night. In the morning, the military escort, under command of Capt. E. D. Keyes, 3d Artillery, composed of companies F and M, of 31st, and B and K, second infantry, commanded respectively by Capt. Moore and McClean of the Infantry, and Gibson and Lendrum of the Artillery—Capt. E. K. Kane, quartermaster of the expedition. The troops arrived in good order in the Sutter and Santa Clara, this morning, were immediately disembarked, and are now encamped near the steamboat landing. The Quarter Master and Commissary are making every exertion to facilitate the speedy departure of the expedition; but I do not think it will get off for a couple of days.

It will prove of interest, and the readers of the *Alta* shall receive all information concerning its progress and results, every opportunity, my intention being to accompany it, as you are aware.

There is no news of interest stirring here. A new and very elegant little theatre has just been completed, and will open on Monday night with a portion of the Jenny Lind theatrical company.

The presence of the troops to-day, with the *attaches* of the commission, has created some little stir in town during the day, and rendered its appearance quite lively. Nothing else of interest.

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P. S.—Col. J. Neely Johnson arrived to-day from San José, and intends leaving to-morrow for Dent's Crossing, on the Stanislaus river, accompanied by Judge Marvin. There is now a company at that place of about 100 strong, and authority has been offered by the State to raise double that number of rangers, if necessary. I cannot ascertain what the course of proceedings will be, but imagine it will only be employed in case of an outbreak, as they would not certainly jeopardise the course intended by the commissioners. *Nous verrons.*