

## Our Indian Matters!!

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Through the exertions of Senator Van Dyke and Assemblymen Whipple and Wright, a move has at last been made that looks to the speedy termination of our Indian troubles. Now the people of our county, and those adjoining, who have been annoyed by Indians for years past, will have an opportunity to put an end to Indian hostilities for all time to come, and we trust that a spirit of determination and activity will manifest itself in this District equal to the emergency. Our members have acted well in this matter, and we hope to see their movements responded to by energetic action on the part of the people of this and adjoining counties. The Governor is to call out the companies for service in this District, alone; is to commission the officers from the ranks, thus enabling us to select men who are tried, and whose interest is most at stake in the complete suppression of Indian hostilities.

A correspondent of the *Alta*, writing from Sacramento in relation to this matter, says:

A few days ago, Senator Van Dyke, and Messrs. Whipple and Wright, Assemblymen—the three being the whole legislative delegation from the counties of Humboldt, Del Norte and Klaimath—called upon General Wright and solicited him to call upon the Governor for the enlistment of some volunteers for special service against the Indians in those northwestern counties. Gen. Wright assented to their request, and it is understood that he will call upon the Governor for four companies to be enlisted in the Humboldt district. The people there are willing and anxious to engage in such service, because their families and their homes are now in danger; because they are familiar with the habits and haunts of the Indians; and because they are confident of their own efficiency, while they distrust the efficiency of soldiers enlisted abroad and not interested in the establishment of permanent peace. It is understood that the Governor will call for the troops, and that Major J. F. Curtis will be promoted to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel, and placed in command of that district. The impression prevails that Curtis is a man peculiarly fitted for such service. It is proposed that some of the troops now in the Humboldt district shall remain in garrison, while the new volunteers take the field. By this plan it is hoped that the

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So it will be seen that the plan is just what we want. Forts Gaston and Humboldt and perhaps Fort Baker, will be garrisoned by a portion of the troops now here—will be held as depots—while the volunteers will immediately take the field. Mr. Van Dyke, in a private letter, says we will be entitled to a Major and Quartermaster.

In pursuance of the proceedings of the Indian Meeting held here on the 3d of last month, a joint resolution has been introduced by Mr. Van Dyke, and probably passed before this, to do away with the miserable swindle, called Reservations, on this coast, so that all prisoners taken may be sent south of San Francisco, from whence they cannot return.

The resolution instructs our Senators and requests our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to dispose of all the Reservations on the northern coast, and provide others so far from us that the Indians can never return. It was this move, most likely, which induced Senator McDougall to give notice of a bill for the "disposal of certain Reservations, and purchase of others," in California a short time since.

If Major Curtis is called to the command of the campaign we can assure all who feel interested that a very different system of Indian warfare will prevail from that which has characterized the slothful movements of Col. Lippitt.

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