

What is to be Done?

The moment Capt. Wright's company reached the country east of the Redwoods, no Indians could be found where before stock was shot down before the owner's eyes and in sight of his house, but the ranches on the coast were at once alive with strange Indians. They have also been seen packing beef from the mountains to the coast.

It is a fact beyond dispute that the ranches considered friendly have become lurking places for the mountains Indians, who have always been the common foe of the whites, and are treated as such at this time.

The coast Indians are known to trade with them and supply them with powder and other articles which enable them to continue their depredations against the settlers; and they also share in their plunder. The position they have occupied renders them greater obstacles to the growth and prosperity of this county than the wild Indians in the back country. They are as Tories to the British, in the war of the Revolution; they are enemies in our own camp, and we can never look for exemption from depredations and outrages in the mountains as long as any communication is allowed between the diggers there and on the coast.

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We can think of no better plan to suggest under the present state of things in this section. The U. S. troops stationed here, it is true, have failed to protect the lives and property of white people, but they may be able to take care of a few squaws and children. If not, we shall utterly despair of any good resulting from their presence in our county.

