

Gen. Kibbe Cross-Fire.

The most unenviable position that we have known a man to be placed in for a long while is that at present occupied by Gen. Kibbe, Quarter-Master and Adjutant Gen. for California. It will be remembered that within the last year two expeditions have been called out by the Executive of the State for the suppression of Indian hostilities—one in Tehama and one at Pitt river. Gen. Kibbe, by virtue of his office was placed at the head of these expeditions. He conducted them with promptness and dispatch—killed some Indians and removed others to the Reservation—making a successful termination of each campaign, for which he received as was the case in this county, the hearty thanks and approval of all good citizens interested in the sections where he operated. He being Chairman of the Board of Examiners, there was no hesitation on the part of traders and others furnishing the command with any supplies they might have to sell. The purchases and contracts were all made by Gen. Kibbe in person, and when the claims came before the Board of Examiners many of them were cut down, much to the annoyance of interested parties, and for which Gen. Kibbe was severely censured by them.

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The people of our county well remember with what economy and promptness the campaign here was conducted by Gen. Kibbe, and how promptly, without a dissenting voice, the bills were paid by the Legislature.

We are assured by persons from the counties where the campaigns were carried on within the last year, that they were conducted on the same principle. Gov. Weller and Gen. Kibbe are targets for the opponents of the measure to fire at, and if we mistake not, the rights and just demands of private citizens are to be sacrificed at the shrine of political animosity.

