

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.—A letter from Lieut. Dillon, commander of a small detachment of U. S. troops in Round Valley; written to Gen. Clark, differs very materially from the statement of citizens residing there, concerning Indian matters. Mr. Lamar, member of the Assembly from Mendocino, pronounced the letter from Lieut. Dillon as "base, false, malicious and malignant." Mr. Lamar concluded his remarks on the occasion as follows:

"Now, sir, the people of Round Valley care but little for this detachment of U. S. soldiers stationed in Mendocino county. Lieut. Dillon says in his communication that the Indians there are more in need of protection than the whites. I think that the whites are not in need of such care as this detachment could afford them. This is the character of most of the Federal troops in this State; and now I give notice that I will introduce a resolution calling upon General Clark to withdraw from that county this doubtful protection for the whites—as well as of the Indians. I will do this because I believe the Federal troops there stationed to be a bye word, a reproach and a curse upon the county."

A joint Committee of six from the House and Senate have been appointed to visit that section and ascertain whether Mr. Lamar and all the citizens there have been telling falsehoods about Indian matters, or whether Lieut. Dillon was mistaken. We admire Mr. Lamar's pluck in defending the reputation of his constituency, even though it be at the expense of a U. S. officer.

