

[Communicated.]

Citizens of Humboldt county: A crisis is upon us unequalled by anything in our past history. To our Indian difficulties have been swiftly added, great loss of property and loss of life in our immediate waters. Truly may we say, in venerable language, "all these things are against us."

~~But shall we be discouraged? Shall we falter in exertions to develop one of the best portions of California? Let the hearts of citizens respond, "Never."~~

A brighter day dawns. If our Indian troubles can be settled, we are great still. And hope in this direction; strong hope, may be cherished. The authorities have done what we asked. They have adopted the views put forth by us. They have said have it as you prefer, and they have acted promptly.

Now, shall our response, in raising companies, be as prompt as the authorities have been in granting permission?

We have said, give us the opportunity to raise men among ourselves; men acquainted with the country, and with Indian character; men who have interests in the county at stake. And the request is granted.

Citizens! Faltering is now inadmissible. Tardiness will bring swift reproach. The companies *must* be raised, and raised *soon*. To expedite this, let every man who is able, bear a hand. Some of us are unable to take the field. But enough can who are able-bodied and willing-minded; so the burden is borne with some reasonable equality.

How shall this equality be produced? The process is easy enough. Let those who remain with us, increase the pay of those who go into labor and battle. This is just, and this will be effective.

And there are motives sufficient to influence this. What is my little property or yours worth; while we live in the midst of alarms? While anxious days and sleepless nights are forced upon any of us or our families? Far better give the *third* or even the *fourth* of all we have, so this Indian scourge and terror be at once terminated.

Let us call public meetings. Let us go into this work with open purse and hearty good will. Let us say to our citizens who go to fight the Indians, we are ready to bear our equal share of burden with you. If like you we cannot strike the blow, we can nerve your arms so that it shall be made to fall with greater vigor. We can increase your monthly compensation until the burden of this Indian war is truly equalized in this community.

Citizens! When this is done we shall have done well for ourselves. We shall have done well for our posterity. And we shall have established a character worthy of determined men, and worthy of future emulation. A. J. H.

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