

#### Payment of Troops.

Major Sprague arrived at Fort Humboldt on the 10th inst. and to the satisfaction of the O. V's. paid arrearages up to January 1st. He proceeded to Fort Gaston after completing his business here and will return this way, for Camp Bragg. In addition to paying the troops regularly in the service of the United States, the Major brought the necessary funds to pay the Volunteer Guides, enrolled by authority of Gov. Downey upon the requisition of Gen. Johnson, in April last. The money for this purpose should have been here at the time the Guides were disbanded from service, had the matter been sharply looked after by Maj. Lovell, then commanding officer in this district. As that time was suffered to pass without a settlement of the claims,—the muster roll being placed on file in the War Office at Washington—years would probably have elapsed, in the ordinary course of affairs, before the volunteers would have received their pay but for the assistance of Senator Latham. His attention was called to the fact that the money was not forthcoming and he immediately visited the proper department, had the muster roll brought out from its hiding place and investigated, resulting in an order to the paymaster of this district to liquidate the debt. Those interested should not forget Mr. Latham's prompt services for their benefit.

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At the time of the enrollment of these volunteers it was distinctly understood that an appeal would be made to the State Legislature for a compensation, in addition to the \$11 a month from the General Government, as had been the uniform custom with all the volunteers ordered into the service of the State.

It was represented to Gov. Downey that the usual pay of United States soldiers would be no fair remuneration for the services of such men as were required as "Guides and Scouts," and that men of the character called for in his order could not be enrolled without a prospect of better pay. The Governor of course could not pretend to say what the Legislature might do in the premises, but he freely expressed the opinion that if the claim should be fairly presented, the justice of it would be so apparent that the appropriation would readily be made. As we had occasion to know, the view taken by Gov. Downey assisted the enrolling officer to secure the services of the best men in the country for the required duty. The volunteers served three months faithfully and at the expiration of their term were honorably discharged, receiving especial praise from the officers who commanded them, for cheerful obedience and gallantry in the field.

We call the attention of our representatives in the Legislature to the justice of this claim, who will, we doubt not, do all possible to secure a fair recompense for the services rendered, if not too late in the session to secure the passage of a bill for the purpose.

Director:

Wanted Time.  
Also in the dark and silent night.

[From the New York Leader.]  
JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

It is to such a one-sided operation,  
Astor went home and reported pro-

"Whylock" in a New Journal.  
To please the tyrannous spirit of the age

EUREKA, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1862.

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