

Correspondence.

We have been furnished with the following correspondence, which will possess an interest for a portion of our readers. We have not space for comment, but wish to inform Gen. Johnson that "the perpetration of the outrages complained of," is still continued, and that the Indians are daily becoming bolder and more to be feared. The detachments which have been sent out from Fort Humboldt, "embracing the whole Company," is composed of one Lieutenant and thirty men, and it is impossible for them to afford protection to the citizens of this county. It will require at least two full Companies on active service in this county alone, to carry on a campaign against the hostile Indians that will result in a peace:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXECUTIVE DEP'T, )  
Sacramento, March 11, 1861.

To Albert S. Johnson, Brig. Gen. U. S. A.,  
Comd'g Pacific Division:

SIR:—I have received numerous petitions from citizens of the counties of Humboldt and Mendocino, representing that the coast range from Mendocino to Humboldt and Trinity has been rendered valueless from the continued outrages of the Indians, to the stock growers of that region, and asking that they may have protection for their property.

I have heretofore had occasion to make representations to the late Gen. Clarke, of depredations committed upon the property of citizens of California by hostile Indians, and it affords me pleasure to state that prompt measures were taken by that officer to redress the grievances complained of.

It would seem that the citizens inhabiting the coast range from Mendocino to Humboldt and Trinity counties, feel justified in asking that a corps of volunteers should be called out by the State, to effectually redress the great outrages committed by the Indians; and as I conceive it to be my plain duty to first ask if you can send a force sufficient to afford pro-

will, at your earliest convenience so inform me.

Respectfully &c.,  
JOHN G. DOWNEY.

HEAD QRS DEPT OF PACIFIC,

March 12, 1861.

To His Excellency, John G. Downey, Gov.  
of the State of California:

SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 11th inst., on the subject of the depredations of the Indians in the coast range from Mendocino to Humboldt and Trinity, and asking if a sufficient force can be sent to afford protection to the lives and property of the citizens of that region.—~~I beg leave to observe that three Companies~~ have been permanently stationed in that region for the protection of the population, viz: one at Humboldt, one at Camp Bragg, and another at Fort Gaston; since the perpetration of the outrages complained of, detachments have been sent out from Humboldt, embracing the ~~whole Company, to range as far as the~~ scattered condition of the people will admit, in front of the settlements, for their protection, and chastisement of predatory Indians. — A detachment of the Company stationed at Camp Bragg has been some time at the Round Valley Reservation, and I will to-day order the remainder of the Company in two parties into the field and also the Company at Fort Gaston, divided in parties of suitable strength; to commence ranging with the same object and with like instructions.

This force of about 200 men will be kept actively employed as long as the circumstances may make it necessary, and as it is not likely that these detachments will not be sufficiently strong to cope with any ~~Indians they may meet with, it is hoped by me that the force will prove sufficient for the object.~~

At this time there is no other force available, without withdrawing it from positions whose security at present would seem to demand its presence. In a short time, if the circumstances should then demand it, I hope to be able to send additional force.

With great respect, &c.,

A. S. JOHNSON.

Col. 2d Cav'ly Br't Brig. General.

