

Official Correspondence.

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPT OF THE PACIFIC,
SAN FRANCISCO, March 25, 1861.

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

Sir: I have already acquainted you with my intention to post the companies at Forts Humboldt, Gaston and Camp Bragg, in detachments along the frontier for the protection of the settlements; interposing them as far as practicable, between the settlers and predatory Indians. The force so arranged I do not doubt will be sufficient for the purpose, if, by the aid of guides it can be applied in the most effective manner.

I have therefore to request that you will authorize the enrollment for three months of thirty volunteers in Humboldt, or Mendocino, men who are well acquainted with the mountainous part of the country, who I will cause to be employed as indicated above.

I will accept the service of two sergeants, two corporals and twenty-six privates who will be mustered into the service at Fort Humboldt, as soon as they are enrolled and reach the rendezvous.

They will whilst in service receive the allowance provided by law for Infantry Soldiers.

With great respect

Your ob't serv't,

(Signed) A. S. JOHNSON,
Col. 2d Cav'y, Bv't, Br'g Gen'l.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—EXECUTIVE DEPT'T
SACRAMENTO, March 26th, 1861.

To A. S. Johnson, Gen'l Comd' Pacific Division, U. S. Army.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday, requesting me to authorize the enrollment for three months of 30 volunteers in Humboldt or Mendocino, who are well acquainted with the mountainous part of that country whom I (you) will cause to be distributed among the several detachments of Government troops to be employed as guides.

I take pleasure in assuring you that the orders necessary will be issued by me at once, and the men will report themselves at "Ft. Humboldt," as indicated by you, without delay; and I cannot close this note without expressing to you the profound thanks I feel for your promptness in this matter.

Very truly your friend and

Ob't serv't,

(Signed) JOHN G. DOWNEY.

