

Indian Matters.

Since the recent massacre on this Bay the Indians on the coast between Mad river and Eel river, have not inhabited their houses, with but few exceptions. A majority of those living about the lower end of the Bay and some of the worst ones on the coast, have been fed and quartered at Fort Humboldt, by order of Major Raines, and, as we suppose, at Government expense. The Mad river Indians were afraid to live at their ranches and were a source of annoyance to the people in the vicinity of Union. Under this state of affairs, and fearful of further violence to the Indians, Col. Buel, Agent of the Klamath Reservation, was communicated with and solicited to remove the Indians from the Bay to the Klamath. With his accustomed energy and promptness he built houses for them and arrived here on Monday last for the purpose of removing the Indians. He went to Fort Humboldt, told Major Raines the nature of his business, and asked for the Indians in the Fort. The Major very affectionately told him that the Indians *didn't want to go*, a conclusion no doubt arrived at through a promise that they would be fed at Government expense where they are.

Col. Buel returned to this place entertaining about the same opinion of Maj. Raines as the people of this county generally do. In order that the blame may rest where it properly belongs in case of further difficulty with the Indians on this Bay, and clear the Indian Department, Col. Buel addressed Major Raines a note, which was delivered

Major Raines a note, which was delivered to him by Sheriff Van Nest. As an abrupt refusal to answer was given to the bearer of the note, some citizens of Eureka addressed the following note to Col. Buel, requesting a copy of his letter to Maj. Raines:

EUREKA, April 11th, 1860.

MR. D. E. BUEL.—DEAR SIR: We have heard that you came to our county for the purpose of removing the Humboldt Indians to the Klamath Reservation. We know that you have communicated with Major Raines, since your arrival here, and we know that the Major refused to answer your communication.

The citizens of this county feel a deep interest in Indian affairs, and if that communication of yours to the Major was of a public nature, and related to the removal of the Indians from our county, you will confer upon us a great favor by furnishing us with a copy of the same—we are very anxious to know where the Major stands.

Yours, inquiringly,

B. VAN NEST, and others.

To D. E. BUEL

Indian Agent, Klamath.

The following is a copy of Col. Buel's note to Maj. Raines:

EUREKA, CAL., April 11th, 1860.

SIR: I learn that you have in your possession and under your protection, a number of Indians. I am here for the purpose of removing those Indians to the Klamath Reservation, at which place I am prepared to subsist and protect them. I desire that you will deliver those Indians to me outside of Fort Humboldt Military Reservation, with an escort to protect them from here to the Klamath Indian Reservation.

An immediate answer is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

Your Ob't. Serv't.,

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MAJ. G. J. RAINES,

Commanding Fort Humboldt.

It is a subject of unusual regret, but not of surprise, that Major Raines should not have used his influence to have these Indians go to the Reservation. There they would be provided for and protected—there is the place for them and there they must live if they live at all. It is the desire of the people that they go peaceably if they will, forcibly if they must, and if more Indians are killed in attempting to remove them, let those who tamper with and excite their superstitious natures, bear the blame.

At Union the citizens turned out and collected all the Indians on Mad river bottom in a few hours—about 125 in all. They went reluctantly, but all the whites knew it to be to their interest to go and they were urged to do so by the citizens.

Steps will be taken by the citizens of this end of the Bay to collect the Indians when Mr. Buel is ready to come after them again, and they will have fair warning that the Reservation at Klamath, and not the one at Fort Humboldt, is where the Government provides for their sustenance.

