

We Stick to It.

Last week we took the liberty to make a suggestion to the commanding officer at Fort Humboldt, which appears to have been regarded by some as a rash presumption on our part, and one that should be rebuked by all who properly appreciate the vast importance which attaches to that remarkable institution Fort Humboldt. It is no part of our object in again referring to this matter, to manufacture an unfriendly feeling against the garrison itself, or the officers stationed there. The post was established and troops sent here for the protection of life and property against Indians, and when they fail to perform this duty the object for which a patriotic Government fosters them falls to the ground, and their acts become the just subject of comment among people who have a right to expect protection at their hands.

Our neighbor of the *Californian* very knowingly says to us, in his issue of Wednesday last, that the idea of sending the troops out was not "original with the *Times*, though the style is peculiar;" we do not know what idea he intends to convey by "style," but it will no doubt be understood by those for whom it was intended. We can claim no originality for the suggestion of sending the troops out, as the following correspondence which took place between Major Raines and Gen. Kibbe, will show:

Uniontown, March 11, 1859.

Sir:—I am informed by His Excellency, the Governor of California, that he has been notified that the Federal force now on this Bay is ready for immediate service, and is sufficient for the protection of the people, and to chastise the Indians, if it should become necessary.

Please advise me if such is the fact, and if your troops are ready to take the field immediately.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

WM. C. KIBBE.

Major G. J. Rains, Commanding Post, Buicksport,
Humboldt Bay, California.

FORT HUMBOLDT, CALIFORNIA.

March 16, 1859.

SIR:--Your letter of eleventh instant came to hand Monday, per express, and in answer I have to inform you that a needful supply of clothing for the troops, the shipment of which we have been notified, is hourly expected. When it arrives, they will be put in readiness for the field without delay. We supposed the steamer would have brought it, but were disappointed.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. J. RAINS,

Major, Fourth Infantry, Commanding.

To W. C. Kibbe, Adjutant-General of California,
Uniontown, California.

Nearly two months have now elapsed since the clothing was "hourly expected," the shipment of which they had "been notified," and still we are informed by the *Californian*, which should be good authority, that "the men have not a sufficiency of proper clothing, and, until the proper supplies arrive, the movement is delayed."--All in the eye, what's the use of "backing and filling" about sending out a scouting party, and attaching as much importance to the movement as though the expedition was to set out against Utah, and the perpetuity of our liberties depended upon its success? The facts are before us, and may be summed up as follows: That the presence of troops in the vicinity of Yager Creek, and Upper Mad River, is needed; that there are near one hundred men now lying idle in Fort Humboldt; that the winter season is over, and that clothing which will keep them comfortable in the garrison, could very well be worn in the mountains.

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Before closing this article we wish to say one word in regard to the establishment of a post. We understand establishing a military post to mean the erection of permanent buildings, and an occupancy of the quarters until they are ordered to be vacated from headquarters. We noticed a petition in circulation in Union, one day this week, as long as the Pacific Railroad Bill, asking Major Raines to station a company of soldiers at or near the mouth of Rock Creek, where there are several settlers, and considerable stock. No doubt but the settlers whose names appear in the petition are in more danger from Indians than any others in this county, hence the necessity of having the troops go out immediately; but that a post should be established there or a permanent station made, is we think, unnecessary. There is no necessity for establishing a post at all. Let the men be sent out and kept moving about, establishing, instead of permanent posts, temporary camping places, and let the officer in command of the expedition not go out with his hands bound with the cords of digger sympathy.

