

Indian Meeting at Mattole.

We have received a copy of the proceedings of a public meeting of the citizens of Mattole recently held in that valley, the object of which was to take into consideration their critical condition as regards the danger which threatens them from incursions by Indians.

Two years ago, the Mattoles, Upper and Lower, were thriving and populous localities, considering the comparatively recent date of their settlement. A large proportion of the inhabitants were of a permanent character, comprising families who had gone thither for the purpose of acquiring homes. But this desolating Indian war which has entailed ruin on so many at this end of the county, has been equally destructive to the growth and prosperity of the Mattoles and their inhabitants. Owing to this one blighting curse, those hitherto prosperous localities are fast becoming depopulated. The citizens, most of whom were stock-raisers, have been compelled to drive their stock away to save it from destruction by the Indians. Numbers from their midst have fallen victims to their savage ferocity, until at the present time there are but a handful left, and most of these are women and children.

A preamble and resolutions, setting forth at length the difficulties and dangers by which they are surrounded, and expressive of the sense of the meeting, and asking additional protection from the military in the district, were adopted, and M. J. Conklin, Esq., was delegated to present a copy of the proceedings of the meeting, and the preamble and resolutions adopted, to Col. Black, commanding Humboldt Military District.

Mr. Conklin informs us that he has performed the duty imposed upon him, and that Col. Black in answer thereto promptly assured the citizens of Mattole through him, that he would grant their request and that their wants should receive attention at the earliest practicable moment.

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