

PLACERVILLE, El Dorado Co.,  
May 22d, 1851.

Mr. Editor: The blood of the white man has again been spilt within the borders of our country; and the honest, patriotic and true hearted Americans have shouldered their rifles and gone forth to avenge the death of their brothers and companions. They do not go into the field expecting to be rewarded by the plunder of their vanquished enemy. It is a nobler feeling that actuates them, and such a feeling as should be found in the heart of every true American.

Although wholly unworthy our attention, we cannot avoid noticing some of the editorial articles that have lately appeared in the columns of the Placer Times. That they are undignified and unworthy of a place in the columns of any respectable journal, is very evident. If the editor, from Ignorance, or stupidity, does not know any better than to utter his worse than Billingsgate slang about the war on the borders of our county, it is time he was taught better. And if he will take the trouble to visit our mountain homes, we will teach him a lesson that he will not forget very soon.

It is useless to enumerate reasons why we are justifiable in prosecuting the present war upon the Indians that are daily committing murders and robberies almost within our midst. From estimates made by men familiar with the extent of the Indian depredations in our country, no less than \$20,000 worth of stock has been stolen the past six months. Are we to remain idle and have our companions murdered, and our property stolen?

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Is not the General Government better able  
to expend a few thousand dollars in defend-  
ing our property than we are to lose our all  
for want of proper protection? Read in the  
Times what Don Quixote Lawrence thinks  
about it.

Major Bell, has this moment arrived from  
head quarters of the battalion. Maj. Gra-  
ham marched out on Wednesday morning,  
with 80 men, intending to cross the Ameri-  
can river about 20 miles above Johnson's, and  
march down the divide between the Silver  
fork and the American river, and attack the  
Indians in the rear, at their rancho at the  
forks of the river.

Capt. Tracy left this morning with near  
100 men, intending to cross the river 10  
miles above Johnson's, and act in concert  
with Maj. Graham. They arrived at the  
river about noon, and commenced felling  
trees into the river to cross upon. Soon af-  
ter the Indians to the number of from 200  
to 300 came down to the opposite bank of  
the river and opened a heavy fire upon the  
whites. At the time the messenger left, the  
bridge was nearly completed, and Capt. Tra-  
cy expected to effect a crossing early to-mor-  
row morning. Maj. Graham has not been  
heard from since he marched out, but it is  
expected that he will make his appearance  
to-morrow. Yours, "CALIFORNIA."

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