

The Clear Lake Indians.

We have received the following communication from Lieut. Davidson relative to the Clear Lake Expedition, which we cheerfully publish. We are just as anxious as any one else to hold Captain John B. Frisbie responsible as he has been the means of causing us to do injustice to General Smith and the officers of the expedition. It was stated to us yesterday, that Capt. Frisbie denied, a few days since at Sonoma, to officers of the army that he gave us the information. We assert most positively that he did.

CAMP NEAR FREMONT, CAL., May 30, 1850.

GENTLEMEN:—On my way through Fremont this morning, I saw in a copy of the *Sacramento Transcript*, of this date, an article headed "Napa Indian Disturbances" containing an extract from the columns of the *Alta California*, beginning, "an expedition was fitted out against them, composed of a detachment of Infantry, and a company of Dragoons, under command of Lieut. Davidson, &c." I cannot get the *Alta California*, which contains this, but here say, that the whole extract is false and malicious, without exception. No order of extermination was given, and consequently no such order obeyed. The official report of Capt. Lyon, 2d Infantry, who commanded and not myself, will give the true account of this matter. My public duties will detain me en route to, and near the Oregon line, until about the middle of August, and on my return to the neighborhood of San Francisco I shall hold "the informant" personally responsible for connecting my name, and those of my brother officers, with what he is pleased to term, a "work of butchery."

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obt. servant,

J. W. DAVIDSON, 1st Lt. Dragoons.

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