

his presence in Humboldt County will be of little benefit to your distressed community.

I do not write this to provoke reply, but as an act of simple justice to a person who, whatever his faults may be, is undeserving of the slander so gratuitously circulated against him.

You are at perfect liberty to disclose my name to any person whom it may interest. At present, I remain E. Q. V.

OAKLAND BAR, June 19, 1862.

Application for Assistance,

Mr. Van Dyke returned by the Panama on Wednesday. His application for State arms was only partially successful. He obtained 30 rifles, with the promise of more as soon as they arrive at Sacramento. Gen. Kibbe represents that an abundance of arms are on the way from the East. The result of Mr. Van Dyke's interview with Gen. Wright is contained in the subjoined correspondence:

Russ Hobbs, San Francisco, }
June 12, 1862. }

Brig. Gen. Geo. Wright—Dear Sir:—
The citizens of Humboldt County, at a public meeting held at the Court House on the 9th and 10th inst., delegated me to lay before you the present alarming condition of Indian affairs in that section of the State, and to secure, if possible, further assistance to enable the officer in command of that district, by more vigorous action, to kill or capture the armed bands of murderous savages now laying waste the country. This is the only way, I beg to suggest, by which to bring the present hostilities to a speedy close, and to prevent the war now being waged by these Indians from being protracted indefinitely, and thereby causing

the further sacrifice of the lives and property of our people at the hands of the savages.

I enclose herewith an *Extra* from the office of the Humboldt Times, which will give you the particulars of the more recent daring outrages, and containing also the proceedings of the public meeting to which I have referred.

Trusting that it will be in your power to extend relief to the people in that section without any great delay, I am

Respectfully, Your Ob't Serv't,

WALTER VAN DYKE.

HEAD QRT'S DEP'T OF THE PACIFIC, }
San Francisco, June 12, 1862 }

HON. WALTER VAN DYKE—Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, inclosing an *Extra* from the office of the Humboldt Times.

For several months past the Indian difficulties in the District of Humboldt have been watched over with much anxiety.—Col. Lippitt, an officer of ability, was placed in the immediate command, and the zeal, perseverance and energy which has been displayed by the Colonel and those under his orders, has thus far been highly commendable. Col. Lippitt has in his district ten companies of Infantry ~~and one of Cavalry; and it was supposed~~ that this force would be ample for the maintenance of peace between the whites and Indians.

Present events show that although nearly three hundred Indians have been collected at Fort Humboldt, preparatory to their removal to the Reservation, yet there is a band of determined warriors still acting in open hostility to the white people; and not until this band shall

to their removal to the Reservation, yet there is a band of determined warriors still acting in open hostility to the white people; and not until this band shall have been subdued, can peace and quiet be restored.

I have been informed that many men have left their families in the country, and gone to the mines; this is to be regretted—as women and children thus left defenseless, invite attacks from marauding bands of Indians.

However, the volunteer soldiers of California will not turn a deaf ear to the appeals of the helpless women and children thus bereft of their natural protectors, but go on battling with the savage foes until a permanent peace shall be obtained.

Orders have been sent to the commander of the District of Oregon, to send the three companies of Col. Lippitt's regiment to Fort Humboldt as soon as they can be relieved by the Washington Territory volunteers. One of the companies may be expected down by the 25th inst.; the others, being at a more remote station, will not reach Humboldt for some weeks.

In conclusion, I beg to assure you and the people whom you represent, that I take a deep interest in maintaining peace in their County, and that no effort on my part shall be wanting, to afford them protection and security from their savage enemies.

With great respect, I have the honor to be

Your Ob't Serv't,

G. WRIGHT,

Brig-Gen. U. S. Army Com'dg.

Union State Convention.

A Convention of delegates from the several counties of the State assembled in the city of Sacramento on the 17th inst pursuant to a call, emanating from the State Republican Committee, inviting "the people of this State who are in favor of sustaining the present National Administration, and of maintaining the Constitution of the United States and preserving the Union entire, are request-

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