

NOTHING IN IT.—Our citizens, at the southern part of the county, have become somewhat alarmed in consequence of a report that the whole coast, as far up as Cape Mendocino, is to be included in the Mendocino Indian Reservation. We understand that what gave rise to this apprehension were some notices found posted at different points as far up as the Cape to the effect that said region had been reserved for the purpose mentioned, and notifying settlers not to trespass on the same. These notices were not subscribed by any one, but purported to be put up by a Mr. Somebody by authority of the Agent on the Reservation. From the southern limit of the present Mendocino Reservation to the Cape, is about ninety miles, an extent of country so large as to rebut the presumption of the truth of the rumor we speak of; besides, the President himself, let alone some unknown person assuming to act under directions of a sub-Indian Agent, cannot appropriate and set apart the public lands without an Act of Congress for that purpose, and we are not aware of any such having been passed recently. Our people, therefore, need not borrow any fears that the fine valley of Mattole, and all the desirable grazing country from the Cape to Shelter Cove is to be wrested from our county and swallowed up in an Indian Reservation. It is safe therefore to say there is nothing in the rumor referred to, unless it be to keep off settlers and allow the lands to be taken up by speculators. The character of the notices—without signature or any mark by which to hold parties responsible—throws a suspicion on the matter, to say the least.

