

Letter from Major Reading.

We are indebted to the politeness of Colonel Frenner, for the receipt of the following interesting letter from Major Reading, and also for the communication of our correspondent, "C," who gives us in detail, official accounts of the Indian difficulties, the rumor of which had previously reached us:

COTTON WOOD, July 21, 1851.

DR. JOHN F. MORSE:

My Dear Sir—It was my intention to have been in your city, some time since. Gathering my harvest, which has been a very large one, caused the detention.

Yesterday I learned that the Indian Commissioner, Dr. Wozencraft, is on his way to this point, and will probably be here in a few days, for the purpose of making treaties, adjusting difficulties, &c., with the various Indian tribes in this district. It is important that I should be present, for a short time at least after his arrival, believing that I can facilitate him in effecting the object of his visit. I have at this time a large number of Indians congregated at my place, all of whom are and have been friendly to the whites; but to the north of my place, the mountain tribes will, I fear, give much trouble, being numerous, and most bitter in their hostilities against us, living too in one of the most rugged and inaccessible mountains that I have ever known. I cannot enumerate the many aggressions which have been committed by the Pitt River Indians, against the whites,—more particularly have the residents of Shasta City suffered. Scarcely a night passes but some one is shot with an arrow, and stock driven off.

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ing just come in from the Shasta valley. An im-
portant fact has been determined by Lieut. Wil-
liams, of the Topographical Corps, that is, having
fixed the parallel of latitude of 42 deg. north in
the Shasta county or valley, which was supposed
by many to have been in Oregon.

Shasta is proving to be one of the richest
mining regions yet discovered.

As soon as possible, after the arrival of Dr.
Wozencraft, I will leave for Sacramento City,
and hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing
you. Yours truly,
P. B. READING.

READING'S RANCHO, July 20.

EDITORS OF THE DAILY UNION:

Gents. :—A short account of an expedition,
which, at this time, is looked to with much in-
terest by a large portion of the community, and
a few notes of the journey from your city to
this point, may not be uninteresting to the ma-
ny readers of your journal: and if you will
excuse the liberty I have taken in thus render-
ing a voluntary correspondence, I will give you,
as far as possible, notes of the movements of the
“peaceful expeditions” with the Indians.

The Quarter-master to the escort, with the In-
dian Commissioner, Dr. Wozencraft, was order-
ed to join the Rifles at this place. On arriving
here, they learned that the rifles had left for
Benicia. However, we found Lieut. W. of the
Topographical Engineers, who had just return-
ed from an exploration in the mountains as to
the practicability of a military road between

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