

**Meeting of the People of Humboldt Co. at the Court-house in Eureka, Wednesday evening, July 24th 1861, for the Purpose of taking Measures to Secure Protection to Life and Property of the Citizens of the County from Indian Depredations.**

The meeting having been called to order the Hon. A. J. Huestis was chosen President, J. M. Eddy and Jonathan Clark Vice Presidents, and L. M. Burson Secretary. The President having stated the object of the meeting, on motion he appointed the following named gentlemen a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. S. G. Whipple, James Hanna, John Vance, John Dolbeer, B. Van Nest, C. W. Long, Wm. I. Reed, J. W. Dwyer, S. Cooper, W. H. Pratt and R. W. Brett. During the absence of the Committee, the meeting was addressed by a number of citizens, after which the Committee reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

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~~Resolved~~ That the General commanding the Pacific division of the United States Army, be again respectfully and most earnestly requested to take immediate measures to extend complete and absolute protection to the lives and property of the citizens of this county from the depredations of hostile Indians.

~~Resolved~~ That if from any cause whatever the commanding General does not immediately send several companies of U. S. troops to bring this murderous warfare of Indians to a speedy end, that he will at least remove all obstacles from the way of our Chief Executive officer of the State, that we may seek successfully for help from that source.

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assurances be not given, that this murderous Indian warfare shall be at once suppressed by a sufficient force of U. S. troops, that the citizens of this county as earnestly request the Governor of this State to authorize the enrollment of State troops, from men acquainted with the difficulties here to contend with, that loyal citizens and their families may be protected in their lawful pursuits.

*Resolved,* That we fully appreciate the valuable services recently rendered by U. S. troops and volunteers, in this warfare; but that we know well that the force was wholly insufficient for the work, and the period of service far too short; and that since they were disbanded, the depredations and murders of these savages have become more frequent and alarming.

*Resolved,* That \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed Delegate by the citizens of this county, to present the grievances of our citizens to the Governor of this State, in the confident expectation that he will promptly see that efficient measures are adopted to meet our present necessities.

A blank in the last resolution was, upon motion of J. M. Eddy, filled by inserting the name of S. G. Whipple.

On motion of S. Couper the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

A. J. HUESTIS, Pres.

