

Our citizens live in constant apprehension. Only those who live in the large towns can calculate upon the security of either life or property for a day. If they were disposed to lull themselves into a sense of security, it would soon be dispelled by the news of some neighbor being stricken down by the ruthless savages, at a time when he least expected it.

It is true the U. S. have a small force in the field; but what can 18 or 20 men do against the many savages that prowl over a large extent of country here? The Indians can easily watch the movements of so small a company, and make their attacks at a point distant from their encampment, so that by the time the troops can reach the scene of their depredations, they can be at a safe distance.

We have no doubt that Gov. Downey will call out an effective force of volunteers. There are plenty of men, able and willing to take the field, if they can only act by authority, and be supplied with the necessaries for a campaign. Our citizens are looking with anxiety for the assistance which the authorities have promised. Let them come speedily, and rid this section of California, one of the fairest portions of this fair State, from this great and crying evil.

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