

**The Mendocino Reservation: Remonstrance
Against Extending It in this County.**

The citizens on Bear River and Mattole are getting up remonstrances against extending the Mendocino Reservation up the coast, as mentioned some weeks since. It seems that they have recently received information, which they consider well-founded, to the effect that the Indian Superintendent has determined to extend said Indian Reservation to Bear River, in this county. We presume the Superintendent acts in this matter under authority from Washington, and that it is the intention of the Department to have the whole matter confirmed. In this view of the case, our citizens are moving to defeat, if possible, a project which would so seriously injure our county. The valleys of Bear River and Mattole, as well as the mountain prairie between them, are covered with herds, numbering thousands—in fact it is the great stock range of our county—and to absorb that region in an Indian Reservation, and drive the white settlers therefrom, would produce incalculable mischief. We cannot believe that when the matter is properly presented to head-quarters, such a course will for a moment meet with favor. To extend it north to Shelter Cove, would answer every purpose. That point is some twenty-five to thirty miles below Cape Mendocino, and together with the present Reserve would occupy a strip along the coast of near or quite fifty miles. This will be sufficiently extensive for all the Indians that may be collected on it; besides, the country between Shelter Cove and Bear River is not as well adapted to their wants as the coast below. The coast below is cut with small streams that are filled with fish, and the rocky beach abounds with muscles, which together will furnish them their principal support.—The country mentioned is not suitable for settlement, therefore the Indians will not be molested; not so, however, with the valleys this side—the whites would never consent to leave

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