

Mendocino Reservation Again.

The report that this Indian Reservation has been extended, or is about to be extended, to Bear River, in this county, alluded to heretofore, seems to have been founded on the following note from the Sub-Agent of said Reserve, to Mr. Benton, of Mattole Valley, which we are permitted to publish:

OFFICE OF MENDOCINO INDIAN
RESERVATION, July 25, 1857.

JOSEPH BENTON, ESQ.,

SIR: You wish me to inform you of the extent of the Mendocino Reservation. In answer, I would say that I have been informed by the Sup't of Indian Affairs, and Dr. Gwin, Senator for California, that Congress has appropriated the land from the mouth of Bear River to the mouth of the Noyon River, three miles back from the coast, for an Indian Reservation. I have also been informed by the Surveyor General that the Reservation will be surveyed as soon as Congress makes an appropriation to pay the expense of the survey. Very respectfully,

Your most obt serv't,

H. S. FORD, Sub-Agent.

We intimated, some time since, in speaking of the project of extending the Reserve to Bear River, that it would require an Act of Congress for that purpose, as no other authority could appropriate or dispose of the public lands. We had not then the least idea that such an Act had been passed, without being made public in some shape; but, if Mr. Ford has been correctly informed by Dr. Gwin, it seems that a good portion of the coast of our county has been absorbed in an Indian Reservation, without the least intimation to any of the people, whose rights are sacrificed thereby. We suppose we are not to be made any the wiser until the whole scheme is completed by a survey, unless we send on and get a copy of the "statutes at large" of Congress. The Washington letter-writers, for some reason, have been whist on the subject.

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The following remonstrance was struck off and sent out to the various election precincts, in the county, for the purpose of obtaining signatures on the day of election, and it has no doubt received the name of every voter

whose attention was called to it. Not knowing whether an Act of Congress really was passed at the last session, as mentioned by Mr. Ford, except upon the second-hand testimony he himself furnishes, the remonstrance was addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with a request to make known the same to our delegation in Congress, should the circumstances of the case require it. This expression of our people, so reasonable and just, should have weight, and doubtless will,

in determining the northern boundary of the Reservation. Here it is:

HON. J. W. DENVER, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir: The undersigned citizens of Humboldt County, State of California, understanding that an Indian Reservation is either made or contemplated on our coast, reaching from the mouth of the Noyon to the mouth of Bear River, and extending three miles back from the coast; and the undersigned citizens believing that a Reservation of that extent will greatly injure our county, in that it will appropriate more than one-half of our coast; that it will lay a very heavy burthen upon some sixty or seventy settlers now on the contemplated Reservation in Bear River and Mattole Valleys, with homes tolerably well established; and owning more than two thousand head of cattle; and the undersigned citizens believing that a Reservation of that extent on the coast is unusually and unnecessarily large for the number of Indians in the vicinity, respectfully ask your interference in our behalf, in all legitimate ways, to prevent the extension of said contemplated Reservation farther north than to a point at least three miles south of the mouth of Mattole River; or if it has already been established to Bear River, to make known to our members in Congress the views and wishes of the undersigned and urge upon them the necessity of so altering the same as to limit it on the north to the point above mentioned.

Most respectfully, &c.

