

Letter from Fort Gaston.

FORT GASTON, HOOPA VALLEY,
Aug. 26, 1863.

DEAR EDITOR TIMES:—By arrival of
the mail from Arcata we have received
the shocking news of the brutal murder
of Mr. Sumption, by a band of sneaking
blood-thirsty Indians, almost within the
town limits of the ill-fated Arcata.

Lieut. Hempfield's detachment returned
from New river, last Sunday. No In-
dians were found. On the river all was
found in confusion and fright. The In-
dians had killed two Chinamen, at the
same time robbing them of quite an
amount of gold—also all their portable
property. The houses of several white
men were also robbed—at one place a
considerable quantity of ammunition was
taken. What few whites that did not
stampede at once commenced the con-
struction of a block house, wherein to re-
sist the invaders. Lieut. Hempfield after
vainly attempting to come up with the
Diggers, returned, bringing the principal
part of the settlers with him. Maj. Tay-
lor immediately sent back a detachment
of 12 men under Sergt. Hurst, with in-
structions to bring in all the settlers, with
their families and property. Thus an-
other rich district of country is given up
to the Indians.

The detachment on its way up, found
and buried the remains of Madam Wea-
ver. It seems that the skeleton found by
Corp'l Underwood was that of the man
Merriok. The body of the unfortunate
woman was found some three hundred
yards from the house. By her side was
found a valise containing her papers and
other private accounts. Doubtless she
was trying to escape by flight—as she
was first shot through the back and then
through the head.

Always yours,
NEELY.

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