

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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The Contempt in which the rebels hold upon their letter-box. We care not what they demand in translation nor what

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