

Mass Meeting in Mattole Valley.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Mattole Valley, Humboldt county, held for the purpose of making a treaty of peace and friendship with the Indians of said Valley, on the 4th day of September, A. D., 1858, E. W. Gillett was chosen President, and the following gentlemen appointed a committee to draft resolutions: M. J. Conklin, J. H. Trenit, H. T. Brown, Joel Benton and E. W. Gillett.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we, the citizens of this Valley, do form and enter into a treaty of peace and friendship with the Indians on the following terms, viz:

1st—That the Indians use all due diligence to secure the persons of the three Indian murderers, now running at large, who were concerned in the murder of Mr. Thornton.

2d—That they shall furnish the citizens any and all information that they may have, or be able to obtain, in aiding to arrest the said murderers, and use all their influence to bring them to justice.

3d—That we will protect them from all danger and harm, if any difficulty should arise between them and the other Indians, by their giving information, and assisting to arrest the said murderers.

4th—That the Indians must not set fire to the grass on the hills; that they must not drive away, molest, or kill our cattle, horses, mules or hogs; that they must not enter our enclosures; that they must not steal from us; that they must not reside on our claims without our consent.

Resolved, That the Indians be permitted to return and live in the valley, collect their wild food, fish, &c.

Resolved, That this treaty of peace is only made with the Mattoles, and does not extend to any other tribes of Indians; and that they must not harbor any Indians from the Ouscouse Creek, Bear River, Klam River, or any other Indians who do not belong to the Mattoles.

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Resolved, That we discountenance, and will not permit any white men to go into the Indian rancherias, to interfere with the squaws or children, or in any way molest them.

Resolved, That we will not allow white men who are renegades from other portions of the State or county to reside in this valley, or live among the Indians. That we consider all such persons a disgrace to any settlement and a source of trouble and difficulty with the Indians. We therefore cannot, and will not, permit them to live among the Indians, or us.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Humboldt Times, as a notice to the public, and a warning to those white men who are renegades and fugitives from justice; and that we will not permit them in future to make our valley a hiding place for any such outlaws.

Signed

M. J. CONKLIN

J. H. TREUM

H. T. BROWN

JOEL BENTON

E. W. GILLET

Committee.

