

More Indian Brutalities!

Something must be Done!

For the last two weeks serious apprehensions have been felt for the safety of Mr. Van Aerman, Humboldt mailman, and to day it is our unpleasant duty to announce that he has undoubtedly fallen a victim to savage brutality, and within the borders of our own county. The following particulars of what has been done during this week we have from Mr. R. B. Martin, of Taylor's Flat, Trinity river:

VanAerman, accompanied by Privates Orion Washington and Wm. S. Terry as escort, left Hoopa Valley on Monday night last. At 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when near Sandy Bar, 5 miles below Taylor's Flat, they were fired upon by fifteen Indians, as near as Washington could count. Terry was shot through the body, the ball fracturing the spine in its passage. He fell from his mule, and Wash, who was not hit, unwilling to leave his comrade to the mercy of the savages, if it was possible to remove him, dismounted and went to his assistance. Another volley was fired, Wash receiving two shots, one through the fleshy part of the thigh, and one through the side. Finding it was certain death to remain, and that Terry could live but a short time, he managed to remount and arrived at Little Prairie, from which place he was carried to Cox's Bar, where he now lies in a critical condition. VanAerman, after the first volley was fired rode on, and it was supposed had escaped. Washington had proceeded about a mile and a half, when he overtook VanAerman's mule. He halloed, but could get no reply, and came on as before stated.

On Wednesday morning a party left Cox's Bar to search for VanAerman, and to take Terry's body in charge. A short distance from where his mule was found a slip of paper was discovered under the root of a projecting stump, containing a few lines written by VanAerman in a hand which either indicated weakness or great haste, saying that he was shot and mortally wounded on Tuesday—the rest could not be de-

hand which either indicated weakness or great haste, saying that he was shot and mortally wounded on Tuesday.—the rest could not be deciphered. The party found the mail bags all right, but the private saddle bags had been taken by the Indians. Terry's body was found where Wash. had left it, but most horribly mutilated, the nose and flesh having been cut from the face, while a large knife, run directly through the neck piioned the head to the ground. Mr. Martin tells us it was a most horrible sight. The neighborhood was scoured for miles, but no trace of VanAerman's body could be found. Terry was buried by the party; has a brother living at Hay Fork, we are told. VanAerman's strange disappearance is involved in mystery. Washington is laying at Smith's, Cox's Bar, where he receives every necessary attention.

Something must be quickly done for the relief of the river people. All the families lately living on the lower part of the river are at Big Flat and Cox's Bar, and the few people living there must remain to protect them. The Indians have threatened to continue their depredations until all the river inhabitants are driven to Weaverville. Twelve Chidamen have been killed and a large number wounded this week. Every building between Cox's Bar and Taylor's Flat is burned, and Martin's property there has shared the same fate. The Indians fired Hobart's house, but by some miracle it escaped destruction.—Signal fires have been visible for several nights in the high mountains bordering the river on both sides, from North Fork to Taylor's Flat. If the State authorities will do nothing our people must. And there is no time to lose. If nothing better can be done let a public meeting be called and steps taken for the immediate relief of our river neighbors.

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