

Please answer immediately.

[Signed,]

- I. G. MESSÉC, Sheriff,
- E. J. CURTIS, Co. Judge,
- C. E. WILLIAMS, Dist. Att'y,
- M. F. GRIFFIN, Co. Clerk,
- R. T. MILLER, Ex Co. Judge,
- J. F. CHELLIS,
- A. C. LAWRENCE.

The Governor received the petition and forwarded it to Gen. Sumner, whose reply was received a few days since by Sheriff Messéc. It ran as follows :

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T. OF THE PACIFIC,  
San Francisco, Sept. 9.

GOVERNOR — I have received your letter of the 6th instant, in relation to the Indians in Trinity county. I doubt very much these Indian reports. If twenty-five men would be a sufficient protection, it would seem that those people should take care of themselves, just at this time, when we have so much on our hands. It is impossible to send regular troops there now, as I am obliged to reinforce the troops in the South-  
ern part of the State.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servant,  
E. V. SUMNER,  
Brig. Gen. U. S. Army.

There you have it, citizens. Nobody asked Gen. Sumner for troops, as they are of very little account to fight Indians, anyhow. But our people were laboring under the delusion that the Governor might order a small volunteer force into the field, as he has lately done in Humboldt county. Comment is unnecessary. The truth is, people have no business to settle in an Indian country.

"The Governor received the petition..." Trinity Weekly Journal, September 21, 1861: p. 2, col. 2.

