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It is a well-known fact here that the settlers on lower Trinity, and on the Humboldt and Shasta borders of this county are in hourly peril of their lives at the hands of hostile and -revengeful savages. The mail carrier between Humboldt Bay and Woaverville is furnished with a military escort for protection. As far as possible families have been remov-. ed to the settlements, but there are many who are yet unprotected. At the time-Wheelright was killed at Big Bar, the Governor was petitioned to call out a company to chastise the Indians, and afford protection where it was needed. So far as we know, no response was ever regrowing worse all the time, on the 6th of the present month the following telegraphic dispatch was sent to Governor.

Gov. Downey—Sacramento City:—The Indians in our county are committing depredations daily—burning dwellings and murdering citizens. The women and children have been removed to the settlements, and everybody lives in dread of attack. A company of twonty five men is absolutely necessary for the protection of life and property, and should be ordered out immediately. Will your Excellency afford us this protection. The Humboldt company will not be sufficient, as the Indians will be driven from that thunty to this. We want protection for our own people. Please answer immediately.

[Signed,] I. G. Mossic, Sheriff,

E. J. Curtis, Co. Judge, C. E. Williams, Dist. Att'y,

M. G. 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 Messic. It ran as follows:
HEADQUARTERS DEP'T. THE PACIFIC,

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 relationed the

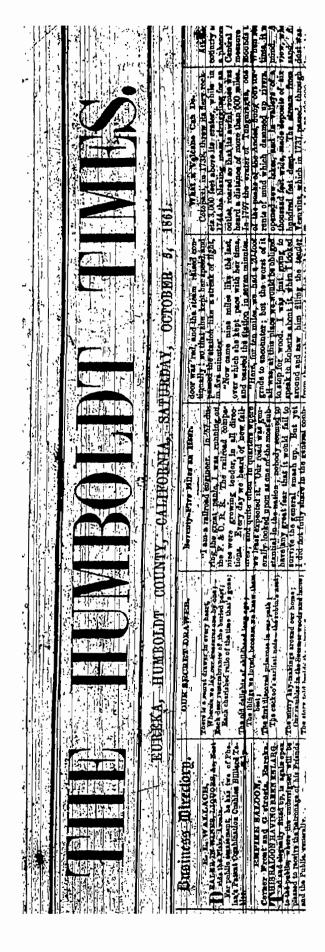
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