

OUR LETTER FROM HUMBOLDT BAY.

[From the Resident Correspondent of the ALTA CALIFORNIA.]

HUMBOLDT BAY, Dec. 15, 1863.

More Indian Troubles.

EDITORS ALTA: To-day news reached town that the Indians have again taken the offensive, in a most decided manner, in Hoopa Valley, Klamath county. The report, which comes from the most reliable source, is as follows:

"Captain Jim," a great and very large Indian, with his band, came into the valley to the house of Mr. Moffit; when this gentleman and a domesticated Indian started to run, the latter was shot, and Mr. M. ordered to stop and told that they did not intend to injure them (the whites) at the time, but wanted them to leave the valley within three days; also, to tell Major Taylor, in command of Fort Gaston, to make a treaty with the Indians, allowing them to live in the valley with their arms, for considering which they would give the Major three days time, at the expiration of which, if no understanding was had, the whole of Hoopa Valley would be laid waste.

"Captain Jim" and his band also went to the store of Mr. Barham, selected goods of various kinds and paid a part of the amount, with the promise to pay the balance when he, the chief, would pay off his men, which he would do every ten days. A band of Indians also went to the house of Mr. Kid, robbing him of everything they could use.

In consequence of these threats and acts of hostility, the people of the valley have taken refuge in the fort, and the three days allowed by the chief, "Big Jim," having expired to-night, a part of the settlements may ere now be laid in ruins—another dark page in the history of our State—as we cannot for a moment believe that Major Taylor would accept a treaty so ruinous, so dangerous for the whites, as that proposed by the treacherous Redskins; for these would thereby only receive the chance to recruit and replenish their stores during the stormy months of winter, to be better prepared to scour the whole country and stop all communication in the spring.

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Major Taylor immediately sent an order to the Lieutenant in command of a detachment of twenty men heretofore employed on escort duty, now stationed at Camp Curtis, Arcata, to come to his assistance and bring more reinforcements from Fort Humboldt, if such could be obtained. Though there are over one hundred men at Humboldt on garrison duty, on account of the absence of the Colonel—who has not yet returned from an overland trip to San Francisco—the Lieutenant had to leave without the help desired, and undoubtedly needed, as it appears there was no officer in the place who would take the responsibility of the move. This is wrong, decidedly wrong! If the commanding officer is, by necessity, bound to be absent from his post, his power should be placed in the hands of another officer, not to leave that post until the commander returns. These are military matters, it is true, but the interest of the citizens is so much placed at stake that it is their duty to themselves to mention such facts.

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