

At a meeting of the citizens of Sonoma and its vicinity, held this day for the purpose of taking into consideration their present exposed situation, arising from information this day received, that several bands of wild Indians not far distant from this place, are uniting together for the purpose of making depredations upon the white inhabitants, and have already commenced by stealing horses, and have recently killed a white man:

The Meeting being called to order, a committee of five of the citizens was appointed to communicate with the General commanding the United States Forces in California, on the subject, and to request of him to station at this place in garrison, a sufficient military force, (say from fifty to eighty men,) for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of the people, and to sustain the civil authorities in the execution of the laws.

We therefore, the undersigned, the committee appointed by the said meeting, respectfully and earnestly urge upon your Excellency, for the safety and well being of the people inhabiting the north side of the Bay, that a portion of the United States land force (say from 50 to 80 men) be stationed at this place. We will further state that no additional expense to the Government, (save the transportation of the troops,) will be incurred as there is already here a public barracks belonging to the United States, and provisions of all kinds for the use of the troops, are perhaps cheaper here than at Yerba Buena. The Barracks is a large and commodious building, sufficient for double the number of troops.

The undersigned would further represent, that the people on this side of the bay labor under much inconvenience for the want of a regularly established mail from Yerba Buena to this place, and to the Sacramento. They would therefore pray your Excellency to establish some mode of conveyance by which information may be trans-

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mitted to and from the said points with as much  
regularity and despatch as circumstances will ad-  
mit.

The establishment of a Garrison at this place  
would as a matter of course seem to include also  
that of frequent and regular communications be-  
tween this point and head quarters, and the ask-  
ing of one would seem necessarily to include that  
of the other. Yet independent of the impor-  
tance to the Government, it would be still a great  
convenience to the people and to the civil officers  
in transacting either their private or official du-  
ties.

Your early attention to the foregoing, and

communication with us on the subject, will be  
long remembered, and in behalf of the people in  
this vicinity, we will ever pray it.

We have the honor to be with great respect,

Your Excellency's, Obt. Servants.

(Signed.) G. M. VALLUJO.

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