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MESSRS. EDITORS:—I almost forgot to give you an account of the doings in Sonoma—the Indian affairs are all quiet, the Kelseys all gone to the Trinity or Humboldt, and the money making part of our community gone to some of the Sacramento mines, etc.—but we had the honor of a Grand Jury assembled at the district Court lately and strange it was to see a grand jury here, and strange and marvelous were their doings.

They sat two days and found or presented four bills. 1. Presented Mr. Joseph Maille the county assessor as not having a legal appointment and consequently no taxation could be collected this year if his appointment was illegal. 2. They ordered a Court house and Jail to be built by taxation—curious coincidence. 3. They presented a Bill representing one Peter Campbell as having exercised the office of Justice of the Peace and other offices, and he said to be an alien, and lastly they ordered that the City Council should build a church and school house out of the city funds without subscription or taxation—but more singular they have failed in all four presentations.

Wonderful age this—those who have property here are preparing to make great improvements this winter.—We have no sickness, this valley is not beneficial for doctors or clergymen, but it is great for large grapes, vegetables etc. You will hear from me shortly.

VERITAS.

NEW FIRE COMPANY.—The Baltimore Independent Fire Company, as we learn from the *Picayune*, of last evening, assembled at the American Hotel and organized by the election of officers. The members elected the name of Monumental Fire Company. A resolution of thanks was tendered to Messrs. Wethered and Hampton for their services in procuring suitable apparatus. The names of the officers elected were William Devere, President; James E. Wainwright, 1st Vice President; Hon. John Wethered, 2d do; James S. Wethered, Treasurer; W. F. McLean, Recording Secretary; Robert B. Hampton, Corresponding do.

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