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California appears to be decidedly "in luck" in Washington this winter. The severity of the season does not seem to have affected the atmosphere of Congress prejudicially to our interests. On the contrary, the 'winter of our discontent' is vanishing before the sunshine of paternal smiles. "Cold obstruction's apathy" no longer clogs the current of our venerated Uncle's affections for his fair Cordelia, of the Pacific, whose voice "was ever gentle, soft and low"—an excellent thing it appears in States, sometimes, as well as in women. While all the rivers on the Atlantic seaboard are frozen up, there is a perfect flood of measures in Congress for the welfare and relief of California, and we only hope the thermometer will continue to indicate just that state of temperature at which this kindly flow of benevolence commenced, whether Capt. Vanderbilt's boats are compelled to cut their way out of New York harbor through fields of ice, or not. The flow of immigration to these shores will not be much impeded by the circumstance. We are only too happy to find, by the statistics of gold bullion shipped from the shores of California to the Atlantic States the past year, that we are also capable of pouring a rich flood of treasure into the coffers of our respected Uncle. That we can get up a counter-irrigation, and that the tide which serves us in its flood with men and measures, will ebb again, rich in the wealth of our exhaustless mines.

In the variety of bills introduced and resolutions and amendments offered in Congress, for the benefit of California and Oregon, was a resolution submitted by Mr. Lane, inquiring whether any and what steps have been taken to protect emigrants *en route* to Oregon against the Indians; and in case none had been taken, directing the President to cause a regiment of mounted riflemen to be placed on duty, a part on the road from St. Joseph's, and the remainder in Rogue River valley, on the road from Oregon to California. There was some debate on this motion, during which it was objected that the resolution assumed for the House the position of commander-in-chief of the army. Mr. Lane finally obtained information, from the Secretary of War, that troops were to be posted on the route to Oregon this season in sufficient time to protect the emigrants. He therefore moved the resolution be laid on the table.

There is no portion of the territory of the United States where such actual necessity exists for full and efficient military protection as in that comprised in the districts of Northern California and Southern Oregon. The placing of detachments on duty on the line of travel between St. Joseph, on the Missouri, and Fort Hall is almost equivalent to stationing them at Newport, or any other of the posts within the line of the settlements, for all the active service they will see, or protection afford the settlers of Oregon and California. It is on the borders, and in the unsettled districts of Oregon and California that regiments of troops are wanted, and the only portion of the emigrant route which absolutely requires protection is where it enters the territories on the Pacific. As for the road between Fort Hall and St. Joseph, emigrant trains should be able to protect themselves nearly the whole journey; it is when their animals fail, and their provisions become reduced, and their ranks broken, that the danger from depredatory Indians

A provision of military force on our frontier is most certainly needed, and we hope Congress will not adjourn without passing a bill creating two new regiments, as the Secretary of War has recommended, for special service in California and Oregon.