

For the San Diego Herald.

Mr. Editor:—In the *Alta California* of
the 19th inst. a communication, dated at this
place, and signed "F. F." appears, having for
its object the undervaluing of Maj. Gen. Bean, of
the California Militia, and the worthy patriots
who, under his lead, intended to take the field
against the Indians during their recent outbreak
in this county. I have no desire to detract
from the fame or efforts of the Militia of this
state, but it is due to justice and the truth of
history to state, that the citizen soldiery called
into service against the Indians, effected nothing,
or next to nothing, and that no credit is
due to them for "terminating an important cam-
paign," or "of having placed it in a condition
to be easily effected." The appeal of "F. F."
instead of being addressed to the public through
the columns of a newspaper, would have looked
better in the garb of a memorial directed to the
Legislature, before whom is pending an impor-
tant bill for the issue of large amounts of scrip,
for the payment of the enormous expenses charg-
ed to the state, and growing out of this very
campaign that ended before the Volunteers had
an opportunity of distinguishing themselves.—
The publication of such a communication as the
one signed "F. F." can be productive of no
good to the Volunteers (for whom I entertain a
great respect) and can and will result in injury
to their cause. The "efficient services" spo-
ken of by "F. F." will duly serve to arouse the
"public mind," that has "rested in security
from the efficient services rendered by the vol-
unteers," and provoke inquiry into the necessity
for the expending of so much money in a
matter the commanding officer of which had
already reported was occupied by a sufficient
number of U. S. troops. Gen. Bean is no doubt
a good officer, if confined to his proper sphere,
and in reference to this matter, he may well ex-
claim, "save me from my friends." X.

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