

## SONORA.

A party of Americans, Frenchmen and Mexicans have just arrived here from Sonora, from whom we gather the following particulars:

They are five days from Camp Yuma, on the Colorado, and report Major Heintzelman's command as all well. Major Andrews, with thirty men, had gone on a scout up the river. They report the Indians as being all quiet on the route, with the exception of the Yumas, with whom they did not come in contact. The Mexican Government has sent large reinforcements to the troops in Sonora, to effect, if possible, the reduction of the Apaches, and compel these savages to cease their accustomed predatory incursions. Some seven hundred soldiers had already arrived in Guaymas, and more were expected.

A line of frontier posts will be established on the northern boundary of Sonora, taking in every possible pass by which the Apaches can enter, or have been in the habit of escaping with their plunder. Intelligence from New Mexico announces that the U. S. troops in that region are actively engaged in hostilities with the same Indians, who, it is probable, will now take refuge in Chihuahua, where they are received with open arms by the inhabitants and Government troops in that State. The fact appears rather startling to an American, that one State of a Federal Republic should openly receive and countenance the deadliest foe of a sister State and of the General Government.

Yet, not only is this the fact, but they are publicly known to distribute rations to these Indians, once a month, in the town of Jimas. They also offer a market, not only for the horses, mules and cattle stolen by these savages from Sonora, but even go so far as to purchase their fellow-countrymen and women, who may have been carried off from their homes by the Apaches, not for the purpose of liberating them and restoring them to their homes, but in order to make peons of them—a state of bondage worse than slavery, and from which they never disenthrall themselves. All these facts are fully known by the General Government in Mexi-

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Large numbers of Americans and French were going into Sonora to work the extensive mines of that State. A number of parties were already out prospecting for mines and our informant tells us that a new and extraordinarily rich silver mine has recently been discovered. There is scarcely a mountain in the State (and it is nearly all mountains) that does not contain a mine of some kind or other, which has been for many years lying unworked from the dread the inhabitants entertain of the Apaches. It is confidently asserted that in two years from this time, the State of Sonora will equal California in mineral wealth and numbers. That she has within her own borders the means to do so we ourselves feel confident, and we flatter ourselves that we speak not unwisely on the subject, as we have traveled leisurely over nearly the whole State, but that such will ever be the case under the present administration is very much to be doubted. Everything is done there by favoritism. Señor Fernando Cubillas, the present Governor of the State, was educated in France, and is a gentleman of talent, education and accomplished manners, but unfortunately his mind is fettered by old Manuel Gandara, who is firmly seated in the helm of state, and whose only desire is to enrich himself and maintain the power and influence of his family. The Government do not object to foreigners working the mines, with the exception of Yankees, and how is it, we are strangely of opinion, that for so many years, none but Yankees will work them.

We shall enter on this subject more fully at another time.

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