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One copy of petition of
citizens of Humboldt
Co. Cal. in the removal of
a tribe of Indians in
the vicinity of Humboldt

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Offic Supt Ind affs
February 18th 1859

J. W. Brown Esqr
Com^r Ind affs
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I have the honor to enclose the accompanying copy of a petition, of a Committee of Citizens of Humboldt County in reference to the removal of a tribe of Indians in the vicinity of Uniontown. But as there are no funds for any purpose now at my disposal I refer the subject to your office for such instructions, as in your judgment you may consider requisite for the occasion. There are some neighborhoods in which Indians, when they harmonize with the inhabitants and make themselves useful by laboring as servants in families and upon the Ranches, and where they can be permitted to remain with advantage to themselves as well as the settlers. But this does not seem to be such an instance, and I am of the opinion the Indians in question should be removed.

Thos. J. Buckley Supt Ind affs

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To Col Thos J. Hulley

Supt Ind affs for California

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the citizens of Uniontown Humboldt County and its vicinity at a public meeting ~~meeting~~ held on the 16th of September 1858. With full authority to devise and carry into execution, such measures as they may deem most prudent and efficient for the punishment of the Savage, and the better protection of the citizens in their lives and property from their future aggressions, respectfully represent that there is a remnant of the tribe of Mad River Indians living near the mouth of that river and about four miles from Uniontown, numbering somewhere over one hundred including Squaws & Children, that these Indians have to some extent domesticated among the whites, and numbers of them speak and understand the English Language, more or less perfectly; that they come familiarly into the Town hear and see all that is done, and are perfectly cognizant of every movement made against the hostile mountain tribes; that there are abundant reasons to believe that numbers of these Indians have heretofore been engaged, in the murder of white men, and in killing stock and other depredations, and are constantly the allies to communications intelligence to the hostile Indians. In pursuit of whom the Company of State

Volunteers

Volunteers under Capt Missis are now engaged,
by reason of which some of his most effective &
promising movements have been materially thwarted,
and that they have at all times in various
ways and with more or less success been in the
habit of obtaining from unprincipled and degraded
white men arms and ammunition which they
principally trade away to the Mountain Indians.

The undersigned therefore,
for the reasons above stated as well as to rid this
community of a serious evil and nuisance, on behalf
of the people they ^{do earnestly} represent, that prompt measures may
be adopted, for the removal of that tribe of Indians
to Maudslans or some other remote reservation

Dated Jan'y 22^o 1859 Signed

N. M. Harms

David Masten

E. L. Wallace

J. O. Croncy

Jas A. Pontelle