

The petition for an appropriation of money to the Los Angeles Rangers will, we trust, be rejected. The Constitution provides that no standing army shall be kept up in time of peace, and this body of Rangers, if paid by the State, will savor of that character. Every one familiar with the history of the western borders knows how dangerous such bodies may become. We know no evil of the Los Angeles Rangers, but we know that they are not popular with many of the native Californians. There is a good deal of feeling in the northern portion of the State against what is called Lynch Law, and that law we understand it to be the special function of such bodies as the Los Angeles Rangers to execute. Our readers will remember the case last fall, in which the natives assembled armed at a meeting appointed for a Lynch trial, determined to resist such a trial at all hazards. We repeat that we know nothing evil of the Los Angeles Rangers, but it were better that the Legislature should permit them to depend for their support upon the favor of the inhabitants of their own district.

We have received a copy of the Governor's Message in relation to the Steamboat combination, and advising a change of the Act in regard to Corporations, so as to prevent extortion. We dislike combinations, but until this becomes more extortionate than they have, it would probably be bad policy for the government to interfere. Restrictions should not be laid upon trade without the greatest caution. If the people don't like the combination, let them get their own boats. If the government wishes to give the many a chance to travel cheaply, the most effective plan might be to set up an opposition line. The combination is no monopoly; the river is free to everybody. The Message is lengthy, and containing but little point. We cannot insert it this morning.