

Ex-Gov. Felch, of Mich., and Hon. Thompson Campbell of Illinois, two of the new Land Commissioners, arrived at San Francisco by the steamer Northerner last week, and will commence their duties immediately upon the arrival of their colleague, Mr Thompson, who is daily expected. Hon. Volney E. Howard of Texas, the law agent, has probably arrived ere this date. Individual opinions have been hazarded that the members of the new board were selected in consequence of their known hostility to the rights of the land proprietors, and that hereafter few or no titles would be confirmed. Such opinions are calculated to mislead honest settlers. When Dr Gwin's supplemental land bill was introduced to the Senate, Gov. Felch, as chairman of the committee on Public Lands, prepared an elaborate report in opposition to the bill,—and we cannot doubt that all the rights of the land proprietors will be respected by the new Board of Commissioners.

The San Francisco Herald of a late date, has the following in relation to appeals to the Supreme Court:

"We have reason to believe that orders have been received from Mr Attorney General Cushing, to take an appeal in all cases decided by the Land Commissioners in favor of the claimant. This will operate great hardship and oppression to the unfortunate parties, and we cannot conceive how any just man, taking an enlightened view of such matters, could resolve to force these unfortunate people into still further litigation. Some cases doubtless, should be appealed, but an indiscriminate and sweeping order of this kind is surely indefensible."

We presume that appeals will be more a matter of form than anything else. Even if every case is appealed, it is fair to presume that one decision will be made the precedent for the decision of all others to which a similar state of facts will apply.

That all the legal and equitable rights of our citizens will be eventually confirmed, we most firmly believe. True, from the very nature of things, the process is not so speedy as might be desirable, and the delay is a noying and expensive to land owners; but they have the pledged faith of the United States as security, and upon this they may rely without a single fear of injustice.

INDIAN AFFAIRS. Lt Beale, the Superintendent of Indian affairs in this State, is on his way hither, and may be expected to arrive sometime during the present month, via Walker's Pass. From the law concerning Indian reservations we make the following extract:

That the President of the United States is authorized to make five military reservations from the public domain in the State of California, or the territories of Utah and N. Mexico bounding on said State, for Indian purposes. Provided that such reservations shall not contain more than 25 000 acres. That such reservations shall not be made upon any lands inhabited by citizens of California, and the sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of subsisting the Indians in California, and removing them to said reservations for protection.

The reservations in the Southern part of the State will be selected upon the arrival of Mr Beale—the immediate agency in connection with the details of the management being entrusted to B. D. Wilson, Esq., of this city. A synopsis of Mr Wilson's plan for the government of the Indians was published

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per last winter, and if it is carried out will en-
sure the welfare of the Indians and the security
of the whites living upon our frontiers.

Fatal Accidents