

# THE HUMBOLDT TIMES.

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## Indian Hostilities—Three Men Killed.

In our last issue we published the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Orleans Bar, who resolved to disarm the Indians. In pursuance of the resolution, the Indians were notified that their non-compliance would be visited with death to any Indian found carrying weapons, and gave them until Tuesday the 9th inst., to surrender. Many of the ranches were happy to secure the safety of themselves, families and houses by compliance, while on the other hand the Orleans, Red Caps and some other tribes refused, upon which a party, not properly supported, went on Tuesday to Red Caps to destroy the ranches, when they were fired upon by the Indians, who killed William Wheeler, Thomas O'Neal and Robert Reynolds and wounded four or five others. Our principal and most reliable information in regard to the affair is from a letter written by W. McDonald, Esq., and four other gentlemen of Weitspeck to "W. C. Martin, Esq., and other citizens of Union" in which they ask for assistance.



The letter was forwarded down to Col. Buchanan, of the 4th Infantry, commanding at Fort Humboldt, who immediately despatched Capt. Judah with twenty-six men to the scene of action. Capt. Judah is accompanied by Dr. Simpson of the Medical Staff, and G. W. Taggart, Esq.; the latter is well acquainted with the whole Country, and will be an invaluable aid to the Commander as he is well known among the Indians, speaks the language of four or five tribes, and in the first settlement of the Country was engaged in several fights with these Indians and whipped them well. They place implicit confidence in anything that Mr. Taggart tells them, as he never deceived them. A party of mounted volunteers left here on Wednesday and Capt. Judah's command left Thursday at day-light. It is forty miles to Weitspeck over a very mountainous road.

Since writing the above, we learn from Mr. Cushing of Trinidad, that the Indians at Trinidad, and on Mad and Little Rivers, have left for the



and on Mad and Little Rivers, - have left for the mountains. A party left Trinidad on Tuesday, and in the vicinity of Redwood attacked a party of Indians, killing two or three, among the number was Chorash, the notorious chief who publicly bought a gun in Trinidad sometime ago, to shoot a white man with, and boasted of his intention. Mr. O'Neal, living at Redwood, learned from an Indian who lives with him, that the Indians were to have killed him and his family on last Wednesday night and proceed thence to Elk Camp and kill the families of Messrs. Morton and Beard, and thence on, taking Mr. McDonald in their route to Red Caps. On Monday night last, Indians went into the house of Messrs. Morton and Beard, and stole all their guns; the next morning Messrs. M. and B. with an Indian boy went over to a neighbor, who was absent, to get his guns, knowing he had five or six; they sent the boy down the chimney after them, he came back and reported there were none, when they bursted open the door and found the boy had lied, proving to them that there



they after them, he came back and reported there were none, when they bursted open the door and found the boy had fled, proving to them that there was no confidence to be placed in any.

The presence of Col. Henly is very much wanted here and also additional troops, as it is believed by those who are best acquainted with the number and character of the Indians, that it will be a long and protracted war unless steps are taken to crush it in embryo. The Indians are supposed to be able to muster thirty-five hundred warriors, most of whom are armed with guns and six shooters, and know how to use them. They have been for some time making preparations for hostilities, purchasing it is said, as much as fifty pounds of powder at a time. They possess confidence in themselves, offering to fight the whites, man for man. They also possess another advantage—the sympathy and indirect aid of their *white brother-in-laws*. We regret our inability to have accompanied Capt. Judah, though we will be posted up in whatever may happen.