

# SAN DIEGO HERALD.

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## The Fortified City.

The inhabitants of old San Diego, in Mass Meeting assembled, have proclaimed *Martial Law*, and their town now presents the appearance of a fortified camp. Sentinels on duty at every approach to the city, are "pacing their lonely round,"—no Indian being permitted to pass without giving a good account of himself. Society is in that condition described by a militia Lieutenant during the Dorr war in Rhode Island. Arraigned for contempt, before his Honor the Mayor of Providence, he defined *Martial Law* to be that state of being wherein every *Captain* was a Sheriff, and every private a *Constable*. The Mayor of San Diego, recognizing the people as the exponent and origin of all law, quietly acquiesces in what has been done by his constituents, and has patriotically enrolled himself as a member of the Volunteer company on duty in our city.