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We are under many obligations to Mr. Anderson, for the following letter, giving us an account of the difficulties on the Gila. Our friends of the Ferry Company may rest assured that Major Heintzelman, the commanding officer of the U. S. troops in this district, has taken every precaution for their protection, and will aid them to the extent of the means at his disposal. He is an active, efficient, and energetic officer, as is shown by his acts during the past week.

RIO COLORADO, Nov. 13th, 1851.

DEAR SIR: The subject of writing to you, has been under consideration for two months past: and was only deferred for want of anything of interest to communicate, but our old friends, the Yumas, have finally supplied the defi-

ed for want of anything of interest to consummate, but our old friends, the Yumas, have finally supplied the deficiency. No doubt you are aware that last June Major Heintzelman and his command, with the exception of Lieutenant Sweeney and ten men, were ordered from the river to San Diego. But a few days elapsed after their departure, when a manifest change was observed in the actions of the Indians, and on two or three occasions since, we were fully convinced that they contemplated an attack, but were checked by us being on the alert. On the 10th inst., we crossed some 1500 sheep for Messrs. Morgan, Quay and Hines. On the morning of the 11th Mr. Quay, a German named Neigel, and two Mexicans, left with the sheep. About 11 o'clock we crossed Morgan and Hines, and a Mr. Wilson, who was traveling in company with them, with eight animals. They immediately followed the sheep. Two hours after the Indians commenced gathering around our camp. From questions asked of their chiefs, we found they had no particular business. At this time we had counted over 100, and they were still increasing. Lieut. Sweeney then ordered them to leave, which they refused to do, until he placed his 12 pound howitzer in position to rake the only probable

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You will doubtless have all the particulars when Lt. Sweeney arrives at San Diego.

Yours, &c.,

WM. J. ANKRIM