

statute to prevent frauds, etc., as a reason against the defence set up. I have considered it, as will be seen, a more meritorious defence because of that, for if the consideration as alleged had been made in writing or the contract, presented afterwards to Townsend, been signed by him, although afterwards broken, it is difficult to perceive how it could have been set up against a partition, for it would itself have been the subject matter of a suit, and the defendant could have responded in damages. But inasmuch as the deed was obtained by a promise worthless in law, the question become a serious one whether the promisers in such deed is not also worthless.

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THREATENED HOSTILITIES WITH THE INDIANS ON SALMON AND KLAMATH RIVERS.—From many sources the white men on these streams were led to believe that a general outbreak among the Indians was about to take place. So great was the excitement and anxiety created there, that miners deserted their claims and congregated at the different trading posts from Gullions Bar on the Salmon down, and from Dillon's Bar on the Klamath to Big Bar and the mouth of the Trinity, prepared for attacks from the savages, and to take measures for defence and to punish the foe.

It was also determined to take from the Indians all firearms and ammunition, and in accordance with this at Orleans Bar, an unexpected visit was paid them by the whites, and most of their arms arrested from them. At other points, Redcaps and the mouth of the Salmon, the Indians obtained information of this intention, and in consequence their squaws and children were sent into the mountains, and they themselves kept aloof, refusing to surrender their rifles, etc. On Tuesday morning last, a general attack was to have been made upon all ranches so refusing, and the Indians shot when found. As in other cases, the red men of this section commenced by destroying cattle, shooting a steer belonging to Messrs. Jackson and Smith, at the mouth of Salmon, and shortly after ordering Mr. Jackson to leave their ground. As this gentleman was not quite ready to do so, a number collected with the intention of ascertaining whether whites or the Indians should leave. As Mr. Strawbridge came down, an Indian came in to say that those at the mouth were about delivering up their arms. Mr. S. remained at Orleans Bar until the latest time allowed him, but nothing farther of a definite character was known on Monday last at noon. At Redcaps, at nightfall, the Indians still held out, but throughout the two rivers, thanks to their white friends, the Indians were so well informed as to all matters determined on by the whites, that the probability is no engagement has taken place, nor will there be any for the present. The spring of the year, and the melting of the deep snow now on the ground, will assuredly tell a different tale. Packers and others will do well to be on their guard.

Arms are scarce among the whites, though as fast as taken from Indians, they are transferred to trusty men.—*Humboldt Times.*