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Letter from Briggsville.

BRIGGSVILLE, May 24, 1853.

MESSRS. EDITORS;—In last week's issue of your paper, in the editorial article headed "The Chinese," you do great injustice to the miners in this vicinity. As you were not an eye witness to the demonstrations here against the Chinese, but relied upon what others represented, I opine you will promptly repair the wrong you have done, by publishing a true statement of the case.

It is true, the Chinese complained of the Indians stealing from their camps, and the people of Horsetown instructed them to watch their tents, and arrest, if possible, the thieves, and bring them to Horsetown for trial and punishment. They accordingly put a man on guard, but unfortunately his eagerness to arrest a rogue far surpassed his prudence. He succeeded in arresting an Indian, who proved to be Seropie, the chief. Several miners witnessed the arrest, and they state positively Seropie was at least sixty yards from the Chinese tents when arrested. I investigated the affair, found the Chinese had acted too hasty, and the Indian, whom they had confined was promptly released. After relieving the Indian I advised the Chinese to be more prudent in future—stated it was their interest to cultivate the friendship of the Indians, instead of exciting their hostility, &c. &c. I did not, however, succeed in satisfying the Chinese. They went to Horsetown, reported they had arrested an Indian in the act of stealing from a tent, and that I had interfered and released him. This false report of the Chinese incensed the good, law-abiding and honest merchants of Horsetown, and they immediately sent a committee of twelve or fourteen to this place to recapture and punish said Indian upon the false testimony of the Chinese. This proceeding of the Horsetown merchants very justly excited the miners, with whom Seropie is well known.

the miners, with whom Seropie is very popular, and I will add, deservedly so, and they interfered and released Seropie from the Horsetown Committee. These proceedings led to the discussion of the Chinese working the mines, and resulted in the determination of the miners to expell them from this section of the mining region. If there has been any injustice done, or any wrong committed, the Chinese themselves and the Horsetown merchants, are the parties to blame.

When you intimate in your article that the miners in the vicinity of Briggsville have "trampled upon a few weak persons for endeavoring to protect their property from rogues," you only echo the feeling and sentiment that pervades the minds of the Horsetown merchants, and not the opinion, feeling and sentiments of any honest miner or gentleman in this region. The miners interposed to protect the weak and down trodden Indians, and not to uphold and protect rogues, as has been gratuitously asserted.

The statement "that the Chinamen would have been handled very roughly but for the prompt interference of the Sheriff," is also an embellishment. The Sheriff was not present, and consequently did not witness the proceedings. I was present at the meeting of the miners in the morning, and witnessed everything that was done. No one advocated rough, rude or harsh measures, and ergo none was committed. After the miners had notified the Chinese to leave in a manner not to be misunderstood, the Sheriff came to this place and had some conversation with them on the subject, and I heard him express a wish that the Chinese would be permitted to remain in the County.

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WHIG STATE CONVENTION.—In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Whig State Committee at a meeting held Benecia, May 9, 1853, the Whigs throughout the State are requested to meet in their respective counties, for the purpose of electing Delegates to a Whig State Convention, to be held in Sacramento City, on Wednesday, July 6th, for the purpose of nominating a Whig State Ticket for the next general election, and for the