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Post Office Notice.
Persons having business to transact with the
Post Office, will please take notice that it has
been removed to the Masonic Hall Building, on
Main street.
J. S. WAITE, Postmaster.

We have received a communication from Mr. B. B. Barker, dated Camp Palmas, the 12th inst., in which he speaks of the Indian disturbances on the Plains. He says Mr. Brown informed him that the Indians were stealing a great many cattle, and that his losses would amount to \$100 per month, but that they were not in the least hostile. Mr. B. says in his experience among them, he has always found them of the most pacific disposition, frequently assisting them in unpacking, bringing water, making fires, and looking out for their stock, and doing everything in their power to add to their comfort. Mr. B. adds, "In regard to Col. Washington being driven back by the Indians was a misunderstanding, and that the statement of Mr. Williams was correct. The statement of Mr. Sherburne was based upon the reports of those who purported to be from the Colonel's camp, but he was only from the Colonel's commissary, which was one hundred miles from where he was at work. Mr. Sherburne, I have no doubt, was conscientious in his statement, and his designs were not for any selfish motive."

Since the above was in type, we have received the following communications from Mr. Williams and Mr. Tobin, both of whom are employees of Col. Washington, and unquestionably know all the facts far better than any one outside of their company. While they exonerate Mr. Sherburne from blame, they have sustained the position taken by us in regard to the meeting of the settlers of San Geronio, that such assemblages on the borders of an Indian country are well calculated to create distrust, and put an end to all friendly intercourse:

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 18, 1855.

Friend Waite—I see in your last issue another epistle from Mr. Sherburne. He says he was informed by a gentleman that I merely contradicted his statement in order to protect the credit of Col. Washington from injury at Los Angeles.

His informant comes *very near* the mark. I did state to a gentleman that a portion of the information given to Mr. Sherburne was false, and were it to be believed, the merchants in the settlements would not like to risk their goods on the

Plains, hence those who were engaged on the Survey would be likely to suffer from the misrepresentations of others.

I do not wish to become a candidate for newspaper fame, so I withdraw from the lists and leave the field clear for those (should there be any) who may feel that way inclined. In justice to Mr. S. I would say that I do not consider him to blame for anything contained in his first statement, as I have been informed by several that his information was obtained from a person in whom he placed reliance at the time. But in regard to myself, I have stated nothing but what can be proven; and I hold myself responsible for what is mentioned in my statement.

Yours, truly,

GRIFFITH H. WILLIAMS.

SAN BERNARDINO, December 20th, 1855.

Editor *Los Angeles Star*—In looking over the last number of your paper, I saw a communication from Mr. Sherburne, a portion of which I wish to correct.

I am a member of Col. Washington's party, and was one of the four men who accompanied the Colonel to the Rio Colorado.

Colonel Washington did not make an offset of several miles. He made an offset of one mile only, which was done in order to avoid the mountains.

The Colonel was not driven from the river, but returned after he had stuck his last pin at high-water mark on the Colorado.

The Indians living immediately on the river are very surly and impudent, and made use of a great many threats. But the Indians living between this place and the river are very friendly, at least so far as I have seen, and have been so during the time I have been engaged with the Survey.

The statement made by Mr. Williams in the *Southern Californian* of the 28th of November, is correct, and can be vouched for by those who were with the Colonel to the River.

I was a witness of all that occurred, and certainly know more about the circumstances than those who lived in the settlements.

Hoping you will give this publicity,

I remain yours, truly,

J. TOBIN.

SNOW STORM.—A correspondent from St. Louis, Sierra county, under date of December 9th, says that winter has fairly set in good earnest. If had been snowing steadily for the five days previous, and the snow was six feet deep, with a capital prospect for much more before the storm abated. All mining operations suspended. The messengers of Eyerts, Davis & Co., are compelled "to foot it" with express matter between St. Louis and the settlements in the valley.

JUDICIAL INTERFERENCE IN NICARAGUA MOVEMENTS.—The *Bulletin* says it is reported that the judicial authorities have notified Col. Kewen that they will not permit him to fit out and sail from the port of San Francisco an armed vessel for the Nicaragua service.