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Dear Bush

In the language of a very good man I can say "It is I be not afraid". My article is long- but there is virtue in it as a good Irish lady once remarked, "In long articles there was wisdom and comfort." I have written upon a subject, which has been a long time talked about A, and upon which the people of Jackson are tender and jealous. Gen. Wool makes the attack at last, and no one has as yet defended--and I think A right that some one should be sent to the Statesman.

The truth is the war was to come- that was expected in August. Louis, Dick Johnson (Indians) warned the whites in August and September- Limpy told a gentleman of this valley in August not to drive his cattle out, to Yreka, which he intended to do, because the Indians would be at war by the time he arrived in Rouge river valley. This man and Limpy were old friends and the cattle were at Yoncalla. The cattle were not driven out. The fact was known the war expected when Lipton went in pursuit of those Indians. I think this, that Major Fitzgerald and Lipton thought that if they could get the band of hostile Indians they were after they would avert the consequences of a war. But it proved otherwise, instead of checking it, it only developed the entire case of Indians. This is so. Major Fitzgerald only failed by a few minutes from being with Lipton at that attack. I think it was a general impression that those Indians were guilty and should die. War existed in the minds of both parties, and it is strange to me that a true statement has not been published. Major Fitzgerald can give as I have heard him a very satisfactory statement of this affair, and it agrees with what I have said- The people of Jackson County take this position. Most of Lipton's men were our best Democrats- such as when Miller his brothers and many others- and they should be set right- this is my object to open the matter for the truth of it, and if any body defends Gen Wool I have a shot for them. Now if you can oblige me I should like to creep into some spare column. It will take a column perhaps more; and you are the judge to say if it is worth it. Gen Wool has slandered the citizens of (?) county-- and they should resent it, and I had rather the Statesmans should do it than the Sentinel. I will send news as soon as I get it.

Yours

S. F. Chadwick

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entire case of the Indians. This is so. Major Fitzgerald only failed by a few minutes from being with Supton at that attack. I think it was Fitzgerald or some other officer from the Fort. Do you see that it was a general impression that these Indians were guilty and should die. was quoted in the minds of both parties. And it is strange to me that a true statement has not been published. Major Fitzgerald can give as I have heard him a very satisfactory statement of this affair, and it agrees with what I have said. The people of Jackson - can take this position. Most of Supton's men were our best Democrats. Such as John Miller his brother, and many others - and they should be set right - this is my object to open the matter for the truth of it, and if any body defends Gen Wool I have a shot for them. Now if you can oblige me. I should like to creep into some of our columns. It will take a column perhaps more; and you are the judge to say if it is worth it. Gen Wool has plundered the cities of Western Cal - and they should resent it, and I had rather the Statesman should do it than the Sentinel. I will send news as fast as I get it.

J. F. Chudson

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