

ring our passage down Russian river an Indian was taken captive, who communicated some very unexpected intelligence—that some citizens (Spanish) had instigated the Indians against the Americans, confirming in this respect the hints previously thrown out to me by several persons. Lieutenant Davidson informed me that if this statement were true, the evidence of it must be found among the agents of these individuals, (Spanish,) and that the agents were living on the road to Sonoma; and at that place I accordingly detached Lieut. Davidson, to proceed to Benicia by way of Sonoma, taking with him the wounded, and charged to obtain all the information possible upon the subject above mentioned, and to act accordingly; while the Indian who communicated the intelligence was despatched with the promise to bring his chief and principal people to the head of the lake and meet me to-morrow; and should they meet me and confirm his statement, I shall endeavor to secure enough of them to establish the facts, and send them in safety to Benicia.

Leaving the valley of the Russian river, I proceeded across the mountains dividing the waters of the river from those of the lake; and after two days' march, arrived yesterday, about 2 o'clock, p. m., at this place.

Submitting respectfully the above brief account, I reserve for a more convenient opportunity a detailed report, to be accompanied with a map, which I shall furnish at an early day.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

N. LYON,

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Major E. R. S. CANBY,

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II.—*List of correspondence on the subject of Indian difficulties in Florida.*

Sept. 12, 1850. The Secretary of War to Captain John C. Casey.

Sept. 5, 1850. Governor of Florida to the President.

Oct. 6, 1850. Captain John C. Casey to the Secretary of War.

Oct. 7, 1850. The Secretary of War to Captain John C. Casey.

Oct. 7, 1850. The Secretary of War to the Governor of Florida.

Oct. 22, 1850. The Governor of Florida to the Secretary of War, enclosing copies of letters from Jacob Summerlin, of the 2d October, and of S.

L. Spaulding, of the 5th October, 1850.

Oct. 30, 1850. Captain John C. Casey to the Secretary of War.