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## CALIFORNIA & THE GOLD MINES.

### Official Documents—Late and Important.

The Washington Union of the 21st instant published a number of letters and despatches from California, exhibiting accounts of the treasures of that region which surpass all former descriptions. The Union, uncommenting on this extraordinary information, properly remarks: "Who does not see how much such accounts, when they become our duty to lay promptly and in extenso before official form before the country, will inflame the passion for emigration, and how strong a stimulus such scenes as they are calculated to produce will call for the effective interposition of our government? How necessary it is to establish a proper policy, as well as a mint? Who does not see what a strong duty it imposes upon the government to guard the public property in those extraordinary treasures from abuse and waste? Can Congress reconcile it to themselves to leave all these matters unfinished, unregulated and unsecured?

"We are sure it is scarcely necessary for us to call the attention of the people to these despatches. They are for only the latest which have been received from California, but they furnish development of the highest interest. It now certainly presents the most extraordinary theatre upon the face of the earth. The description which they give of the treasures of California seems to go beyond example. The values of the extent of the gold are according to these accounts positively unparalleled on the globe. Mr Larkin's statements surpass all previous accounts. But this is not all. As these programmes were in progress, the effect they have upon the character of the people is also suggested. The strong arm of the government is needed in vain, even extreme. The people are every day growing more independent. In proportion as they do so, they will be less inclined to submit to the restraints of government. Their ideas of liberty will be modified by the circumstances in which they are placed. Their ideas of property will be modified by the circumstances in which they are placed. Their ideas of government will be modified by the circumstances in which they are placed. Their ideas of the right of property will be modified by the circumstances in which they are placed. Their ideas of the right of property will be modified by the circumstances in which they are placed. Their ideas of the right of property