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### [Communicated. The Indian Question.

ARIZONA CITY, April 10, 1872.

**EDITOR SENTINEL:**—Gen. How-  
ard, in his speech at the Court  
House on Monday night, said  
that he came to talk with the  
people and gather information on  
the Indian question. I have a  
great respect for that gentleman,  
and firmly believe in the prin-  
ciples he professes, and sincerely  
wish he may succeed. There is no  
doubt that the policy of the Gov-  
ernment on the Indian question  
is, and has been for many years,  
good—that is to whip the hostile  
Indians into submission; put them  
on reservations, and keep them  
there; and teach them that it is  
possible to live at peace, and more  
profitable than war and plunder.  
If that policy had been carried  
out in the spirit intended, there  
would not now be an hostile In-  
dian tribe within the boundaries  
of the United States. But it never  
has been carried out. Why? Be-  
cause the Government appointed  
rogues to act as agents; they  
cheated the Government and  
robbed the Indians, and the con-  
sequences were breach of treaty  
and more war. Now, Mr. Editor,  
that is an old story to the peo-  
ple of Arizona. We are all aware  
of the way the Government has  
NOT settled the Indian question,  
and we are in doubt whether Pro-  
vidence or the Indians will allow  
us to live long enough to see it  
settled. But in the mean time we  
strongly object to being made the  
catpaw for Boston or New York  
monkeys, "a la Colyer," to get  
chestnuts by. We want the blame  
laid on the shoulders it belongs.  
We want to see the Indian troubles  
settled and enjoy some of the fruits  
of our labor. We came here to  
make our living by labor, and feel  
that we have a right to its fruit.  
We know that there are people in  
the Eastern States that believe it  
right that civilized men should  
do without shoes in order that  
the Feejee Islanders may carry  
pocket handkerchiefs. With these  
people we cannot agree. We be-  
lieve in giving every man his due,

but charity begins at home.  
Thanks to the blunders of officials,  
we have nothing to give but our  
lives, and the Indians consider  
they are entitled to that.

For the gentlemen that manu-  
facture public opinion in those  
meetings in New York and Bos-  
ton, I have a word of advice, and  
that is to study a little novel en-  
titled "Put Yourself in his Place,"  
in other words to fancy themselves  
out here with little money and no  
friends; nothing to depend on but  
the labor of their hands—no Uncle  
Sam or Christian Society to fall  
back on for their month's pay; no  
arm to protect their wives and  
children but their own, with hos-  
tile savages around them thirst-  
ing for blood. And perhaps they  
may begin to realize how their  
great grandfathers felt on the In-  
dian question one hundred years  
ago, when they laid the founda-  
tion of the fortunes those gentle-  
men now enjoy.

The General said he did not be-  
lieve some stories he had been  
told—of brutal acts committed by  
whites here—but I am sorry to  
say I believe there are some men  
here (whites) brutal enough to do  
anything. To the great centres of  
civilization and piety—New York  
and Boston—we are mainly in-  
debted for those "blessings;" the  
army brought them out here and  
crushed what little self-respect  
they had out of them, and they,  
in turn, seek something meaner  
than themselves to crush.

Gen. Howard will succeed, I  
firmly believe, if given the means.  
But we want it done quickly. We  
cannot afford to be experimented  
upon by the gentlemen in Boston  
and New York parlors that theo-  
rize on Arizona over their wine,  
and settle how the thing shall be  
done at the expense of Uncle Sam.

The Yumas have been at peace  
for years, and, if not soon looked  
after, will become extinct. Where  
is their farms, schoolmasters, etc?  
and where is their Agent? If they  
have got one, why don't he look  
after them?

Trusting that Gen. Howard will  
look after those gentlemen,

I remain, PROSEK.

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