

vast and desert solitudes, and what security will there be for either?

I have seen some estimates in the American papers that the "Pony Express" alone is going to require 10,000 men, at an expense of a million of dollars per annum, to protect it! If that be so (and I believe it), what force, and at what cost, will protect a single wire when the Indians are in a state of starvation and death, fighting for existence; their scalps advertised for at twenty dollars each, and the telegraphic wire (the very thing they want to point their arrows with) stretched through a thousand miles of rocks and snowdrifts? or the nightly passing train, that a simple rock or block of wood upon the rail would enable an ambuscade of Indians, in five minutes, in the dead of night, to revenge the death of hundreds of their brothers, wives, and children, and enrich themselves with plunder, to be hidden in the unapproachable solitudes and caves of the mountains; or the same rocks and blocks of wood laid and the booty shared by pale-faced (*moccasined*) bandits (there will be enough of them), to be avenged upon the Indians?

I have seen the country and I know the people, and I imagine the time near at hand when a *Pony Express* a telegraphic wire, and a railway will each require 100,000 men to ensure them security; and then will be shouted by the acquisitive race, like thunder from the heavens, "On, on, *merciful civilisation!* the treasures of the earth are thine, and death to the savage!" when