

The order recently issued by the American Government, prohibiting foreigners from digging gold on American soil, had given great satisfaction to the Americans in California, but was by no means relished by the foreigners. It was apprehended that this order would cause some trouble, as the authorities were not prepared to enforce its provisions over so large a tract of country as that in which the operation of searching for gold was carried on.

Mr. Wethered passed through the *placers*, or places where gold is found, and saw many persons engaged in the toilsome operation. He states that the sufferings of the diggers, in many cases, were extreme. Want of proper food, clothing and shelter at night, combined with the reckless habits of many of them, caused much sickness and frequently sudden deaths. The climate, however, was very healthy, generally, and prudent persons were exempt from sickness. It was estimated at San Francisco that about four millions of dollars worth of gold had been collected up to the time Mr. Wethered left there.—*Baltimore American*.

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