

Indian Difficulties.

Every little while war panics break out in new places. The great El Dorado Indian war bubble has scarcely burst ere another terrific cry is raised through one of the Stockton papers and echoed here, in which one would be left to suppose that a perfect annihilating war had broken out among the poor starving Indians of the southern mines. Now, if we subtract one half of the whole as the exaggerations of rumor, and at least one half of the other half in consideration of the medium through which it is published, and then attribute all that is left to the uncalled for oppressions of the unprincipled who are found among the white population, we shall have the whole matter in a fair estimate. It is said that the Indians have all gone into the mountains resolved to exterminate the whites, and that they are in force to the amount of five or six thousand. They have been abused and may have retired from the presence of the whites, but that they are so strong or so determined we doubt entirely.

In this state of affairs some are calling lustily upon the state government to put an end to the misunderstanding. They had better call upon the shade of Daniel Boone, or some straw representation of a state government. Has our government done anything yet for the prosperity and peace of California? Nothing. We are not aware that it is this day any better off from the effects of any acts of the state cabinet, than it would have been without any. The state government has nothing in its purse, and we fear as little in its brains for helping the public out of, or keeping it out of difficulties. We have seen nothing yet that showed activity, or energy, or ability, in the management of state affairs. The Indians have as little respect for and confidence in the powers that have had a nominal rule in California, as have the white population, and it would only be embroiling still worse the two races for a straw government to interfere.

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