

PLUNDERING THE GOVERNMENT AND OUTRAGING INDIANS.—The *Petaluma Argus* gives the following not very agreeable or flattering picture of the exploits of certain parties who are making themselves famous in Indian wars in more ways than one :

The resolutions introduced into the Legislature by Conness in regard to the Kibbe and Jarboe Indian wars, together with Kibbe's report, asking the Legislature to appropriate \$70,000 to defray the expenses of the campaign, taken in connection with the brutal murder of Indian women and children alleged to have been committed by the volunteers under Kibbe's command, are exciting a general interest, and we hope will result in a thorough investigation of the manner in which Indian wars are conducted, and Indian affairs in California managed. Indian wars and Indian reservations in California have cost the Government immense sums of money, without affording security to the lives and property of our citizens, or punishing, subduing or civilizing the Indians. While these matters are exciting general attention, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to allude to matters on the Mendocino Reservation, and if the accounts that reach us from that quarter are reliable, the villainies that are there perpetrated are exceeded only by the exploits of the valorous heroes of the North, and the whole affair is an outrage upon the Indians, and a swindle against the Government.

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