

"INDIAN LAW."—Mr. Burson of Humboldt, says the *Trinity Journal* of the 28th ult., has introduced a bill into the Assembly to amend the law of 1850 for the better protection of Indians. Mr. Burson proposes a more humane mode of disposing of captured Indians than sending them where no provision has been made for sustaining and retaining them, viz: the Reservation. He proposes to pass a law authorizing all captured Indians to be apprenticed in families.

We should suppose that our member is sufficiently acquainted with the character of the Indians in this county to know that all attempts to "domesticate," or "civilize" them would prove abortive. It is ridiculous to suppose that any service could be forced out of an adult digger, in the family or on the farm of a white man, in the very lost paths of the Indian's childhood. Apprenticed! It would require at least two white men to watch one Indian. There is only one way to "domesticate" the Indians in this county, and that is to either send them so far away that they will never find their way back, or kill them. All laws on our statute books for the protection of the Indians have always been "dead letters," and the same result will follow Mr. Burson's bill if he succeeds in getting it through. Let it "drap," Mr. Burson.

