

ABUSE OF THE INDIANS.—We have received a communication from a gentleman at Young's Ferry, Klamath River, under date of the 23d inst., giving the particulars of outrages committed on the Indians—men and women—below that place, and within the Reservation, by two white men. He says they "went to an Indian ranch, opposite Capell, and attempted to commit an outrage on a young squaw, which being resisted by the mother of the girl, one of them stabbed the old woman twice in the breast, wounding her it is supposed mortally. The brave fellows then took the young girl and another, and forced them to remain with them all night in one of the houses. Lieut. Rundell sent word immediately to Mr. Patterson, the Superintendent of the Reservation—within whose boundaries this outrage was perpetrated—and yesterday Mr. Patterson came up. They still remained at the ranch, bullying and abusing the Indians, and Patterson came on in pursuit of a Justice; that he might get out a warrant for their arrest. He had scarcely arrived here before an Indian came up with a note from Lieut. Rundell, stating that since Patterson left, they had knocked down and nearly beaten to death an Indian named Tom.— I left this morning to go to Orleans, that being the nearest place at which he can procure a warrant. He will probably get back to-morrow or next day, and meanwhile the miscreants can go on, it appears, with their outrageous works with perfect impunity."

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This is a specimen of some of the abuses heaped upon the Indians by vicious and depraved white men, and, as much as we may regret it, for the honor of our own race, for humanity's sake, and for every consideration of justice, such scenes will continue to be repeated as long as the Indians are suffered to remain in convenient proximity to the whites.

We do not wish, by this, however, to excuse or exonerate the perpetrators of such outrages a particle; they should be punished severely. They offend not only against the Indians, but against the white settlers, in jeopardizing the peace of the frontier, and the lives of innocent white men—and perhaps women and children. We have no very exalted opinion of these Indians, but such outrageous conduct towards the lowest brutes should not be tolerated by enlightened people; it would be a reproach to ourselves not to denounce and reprobate it.

