

**INDIANS LEAVING THE RESERVATION.**—It will be recollected that a large number of Pit River Indians, captured by Gen. Kibbe last fall, were sent on the Reservation. A gentleman writing to the *Petaluma Journal*, in regard to the Indian difficulties in Mendocino county says:

Your readers remember that a few weeks ago some Pit River Indians were brought to the Reservation—the same who excited so much curiosity during their stay in San Francisco. Their case affords a strong illustration of the imbecility of the Reservation. A very few days after they were taken to the Reserve, the whites were startled by finding them encamped within three miles of their settlement, equipped with arms and ammunition. The officers of the Reservation were appealed to for an explanation, who replied that they had furnished the Indians arms, to hunt with, because they had no food for them! I ask you, sir, if this is not in direct violation of law, to say nothing of the outrageous circumstances of the case? It will doubtless be ascertained that these Pit River Indians were guilty of the last which were the most aggravated, depredations. If so, they will be exterminated, but, being so well accoutered, there may be serious bloodshed.

This is the sum total of the whole matter. The Indians are in a starving condition; they kill stock to live. The whites cannot afford horses and cattle for their sustenance, and will not. Ergo, unless Government provides for the Indians, the settlers must exterminate them.

