

The Recent Outrages upon the Indians.

Those who have visited the garden spots of California, including in the tour the delightful vallies of Sonoma and Napa, have tasted the sweets of life hereaway, and particularly, if they have enjoyed the civilities of the settlers in the two above mentioned districts, are they prepared to speak concerning the claims which such a visit long holds upon memory. If their observations have been extended to matters of fact, not immediately connected with the purposes of their journey, it must have appeared striking that such complete obedience to the laws of our country, and contentedness with changing scenes and startling incidents exists among the natives inhabiting that region. To trace their history to the early days of the white settlements will show that they have long held inviolable the bonds of friendship then entered into, and while they have been taught to respect those who have come amongst them to bring under cultivation their prolific lands, they have from the earliest period been well treated. They have been employed on the farms of the white man with success, and to the treatment experienced at his hands have they been easily reconciled. They have enjoyed to the present time their friendly relations uninterrupted.

We cannot find words, then, sufficiently condemnatory of the infamous conduct exercised towards these Indians by the white gang whose recent acts we have already cited. We have been led to the above observations by the receipt of the following letter. It has, by the irregularity of conveyance between the scenes of outrage and this city, been detained from our columns until this late hour, and the substance has been clothed in other words, besides having been com-

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until this late hour, and the substance has been clothed in other words, besides having been commented upon by ourselves. There are, nevertheless, details in the following article which have never appeared in print, and we are desirous that the fullest should be known concerning these damning deeds of the desperado gang.

NAPA VALLEY, March 4, 1850.

MESSRS. EDITORS: During the past week most outrageous acts of lawlessness and cruelty have been perpetrated in Napa by an armed body of Americans, who publicly organized themselves in the village of Sonoma, for the avowed purpose of exterminating the Indians in this valley and

~~burning the ranches and lodges where this innocent and laboring people lived.~~ These persons divided themselves into two parties, one to move in the lower portion of the valley. The upper party of bandits commenced their work by murdering a large body of Indians and burning their houses and provisions. Ten of the dead bodies of those murdered people were found about six miles above Harbins' Mills by Mr. Nash and buried by the citizens at the head of the valley. The other party of bandits, in number from forty to fifty, headed by Samuel Kelsey and a Mormon named Smith, from Sonoma, proceeded to the ranch of Mr. Yount and drove off to the mountains all his Indian servants—burned their dwellings and all of their provisions. Next this party burned the Indian lodges on the ranch of Don Nicholas Heguera and about two thousand dollars worth of provisions. The first notice the citizens of Napa City had of the inhuman conduct of these Sonomian hounds was the bright blaze of the burning buildings which lit up the opposite side of the valley. Next these desperadoes moved to burn the houses on the ranch of Don Cayetano, but were repelled by an armed company of the citizens of Napa, who hastily repaired to the dwelling of that gentleman to protect his property and the lives of his servants. Three Indians who were driven from the ranch of Don Salvador Vallejo, were drowned in their attempts to swim Napa creek. Despatches were speedily sent to General Smith at Benicia for military aid, who thought the civil arm ought first to be proven powerless for the arrest of the desperadoes, before the military could be called upon. Judge

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ven powerless for the arrest of the desperadoes,
before the military could be called upon. Judge
Cooper of Benicia has issued his warrant to Mr.
Joel P. Walker to call upon the people of Sonoma
district to apprehend the lawless Americans, and
he (Mr. Walker) is at this time attempting to ar-
rest the guilty persons; with what success time
will show.

Comment on this cruel and infamous conduct
of Americans, calling themselves civilized beings,
is at this time useless. The excitement here at
Napa is very great. Yours, J. W. B.

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