

TERRIBLE RETRIBUTION! ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY INDIANS SLAUGHTERED!!

The *Shasta Courier* of Saturday last, contains a correspondence from Weaverville, Trinity Co., which recounts the particulars of a fearful act of retributive slaughter recently committed in that district. A rancharia of 180 Indians, including women and children, was attacked, and nearly the whole number destroyed.

It appears that the Indians of that vicinity have for many months displayed uncompromising hostility towards the whites, and several murders and robberies have been daringly perpetrated. About the 15th ultimo, a Mr. Anderson, who was much esteemed in the vicinity of Weaverville, was missed, and a search being made his mutilated remains were found about six miles from that place, where he had been attacked by Indians, his cattle driven off, and himself cruelly murdered and robbed. A party of thirty-six armed men, under Sheriff Dixon pursued the murderers, and came up with them on the South Fork of the Trinity. The scene that followed is thus described—

"On Thursday afternoon, the 22d, the scouts discovered the rancharia in a small valley at the base of three mountains on the south side of the South Fork of Trinity River. At midnight the company started from their encampment, Captain Dixon having divided his force into three parties, so as to come upon the Indians from different quarters and surround them. When the day broke, all parties were in the desired positions, and on the signal being given the attack commenced. Each rifle marked its victim with unerring precision—the pistol and the knife completed the work of destruction and revenge, and in a few brief moments all was over. Of the one hundred and fifty Indians that constituted the rancharia only two or three escaped, and these were supposed to be dangerously wounded; so that probably not one of those engaged in the murder of the unfortunate Anderson now remains alive. Men, women and children all shared the same fate—none were spared except one woman and two children, who were brought back prisoners."

In palliation of the slaughter of the women and children it is stated that the Indians thrust them forward as a screen for themselves, and behind their persons, as from a barricade, kept up a fire upon their assailants.

The party reached Weaverville in safety a few days after the massacre.

By the Sacramento papers of yesterday we are informed that the rumor of the murder of Donaldson's Serenaders is unfounded.