

CORRECT DETAIL OF THE MASSACRE OF INDIANS ON COSUMNE RIVER.

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Cosumne river - statement of Wm. Dwyer -*

The letter below was received at our office shortly after our own prepared account had been published. In many particulars it will be found to differ materially from the one referred to. We readily give it a place.

— On about the 20th ult. I left my rancho with a party of Indians in my employ for the mines. After making such arrangements as were necessary, I left them and returned.

About the 26th, a party of armed white men came to their camp, or where they were at work, and killed an Indian while working with a crow-bar, and on his knees; they then shot another through the arm, who tried to escape. After a run of a short distance he was shot through the thigh, when trying to conceal himself, his brains were beat out with rocks and stones. Some white men who were about my camp, on hearing the alarm ran towards the spot and met the party coming back, who warned them not to go further, the Indians were fighting they said. They minded them not, but proceeded to where they found the bodies of the slain Indians, the remainder of the party having fled. The company of whites now followed on the trail of the Indians, and about ten miles from my house overtook a party travelling to their home, and surrounded them without difficulty, in a few moments commenced separating the men from the women and children, when, apprehending danger, the men broke and attempted to escape. Three were allowed to get off, the rest, forty in number, were slaughtered on the spot. The same day, or next, about noon, the party of whites arrived and encamped about 150 yds from my house. Myself, wife and cousin were out to bury a member of the family, deceased, and previous to leaving the ground, I was informed that a party of armed men were at the house and about to kill the Indians.

I returned with my wife, and a few  
moments after, the four Indians left the grave  
and passed within thirty steps of the camp,  
when they were fired upon, and one fell dead,  
another passed not ten steps from my door,  
wounded, the remaining two escaped. The  
captain of the company of white men came to  
my house shortly after and requested me to  
kill a beef for his men; I refused, and they  
soon after raised camp. The next morning  
I was called by my wife to see two men who  
were riding rapidly to the south; in a few mo-  
ments they wheeled and galloped hard back.  
Then I saw Indians running to take shelter.

in the brush; I sent for them and they came  
and told me that a party of white men had ta-  
ken a small party of women and children pris-  
oners. Where, or for what purpose, I am un-  
able to say. I, with four Indian servants,  
buried 15 Indians, slain, and found the re-  
mains of one partly burned. Mr. Thos Rhodes  
with the assistance of two or three Indians,  
buried the bodies of the first two killed. The  
white men report having killed 27 before com-  
ing to the house. Twenty-two men, and thir-  
ty-four women and children are yet missing  
from the rancho. W. M. DAYLOR.

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