JOHN'S RANCH, May 23.

Messrs. Editors: On Saturday morning Capt. Tracy, with his company crossed the South Fork of the American river, and advanced upon the Indian ranchero, situated on the brow of the mountain. Others advanced at the same time, from the rear of the ranchero, and about noon they came upon and burned all the wigwams, in the Indian village. Capt. Tracy went in pursuit of the Indians, who had all left, and came upon them about two miles from their village. They occupied a very strong position in a narrow pass or cove, and our men had advanced almost into their midst before they were aware of their danger. At the first fire of the Indians, who were concealed among the rocks, a young man by the name of Jenks was instantly killed, and Wm. Nichols, mortally wounded. At the time of the attack, Capt. Tracy with a part of his company, was about a half a mile from the place where the fight commenced. He came up just in time to save the men who first came into the fight, from being entirely cut to pieces. Capt. Tracy immediately threw out flanking parties, and after continuing the fight about four hours, drew off his men, crossed the river and encamped. It was supposed that there were about 20 Indians killed.
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At the time the engagement commenced, Maj. Graham, with his company, had descended the mountain and crossed the river, and were climbing up the mountain on the opposite side. As soon as he was informed of the situation of Capt. Tracy, he immediately retraced his steps, although his men were nearly worn out, having marched over 20 miles through the mountains. When he arrived on the ground, Capt. Tracy had left; and Maj. Graham undertook to recover the body of the man who was killed, but the Indians opened such a brisk fire, that he was obliged to relinquish his object, and he drew off his force after having the man wounded.

The Indians, in every instance, select ground where they have the advantage over the whites, and it will require a larger force than is now in the field to dislodge them. — The force is now encamped at this place, and as soon as it can be increased we will give them fight. Yours, CALIFORNIA.

Messrs. Clarke & Milne will sell to-day a large and valuable assortment of groceries, provisions, cigars, &c., &c. Sale positive, and to commence at 10 o'clock.

Recorder's Court.