

THE NAPA INDIAN DISTURBANCES.—With regard to the Indian disturbances at Clear Lake, a short account of which we published two numbers ago, the Alta California says:

"An expedition was fitted out against them, composed of a detachment of Infantry, and a company of Dragoons, under command of Lieut. Davidson, (75 in all,) with orders to proceed against the Clear Lake Indians, and *exterminate* if possible the tribe.

The troops arrived in the vicinity of the Lake, and came unexpectedly upon a body of Indians numbering between two and three hundred. They immediately surrounded them and as the Indians raised a shout of defiance and attempted to escape, poured in a destructive fire indiscriminately upon men, women and children. "They fell," says our informant, "as grass before the sweep of the scythe." Little or no resistance was encountered, and the work of butchery was of short duration. The shrieks of the slaughtered victims died away, the roar of muskets ceased, and stretched lifeless upon the sod of their native valley were the bleeding bodies of these Indians; nor sex, nor age was spared; it was the order of *extermination* fearfully obeyed. The troops returned to the stations, and quiet is for the present restored."