

INDIANS AND THE SETTLERS.—Last winter, when the Indian war claims, incident to Northern expeditions, were before the Legislature, shallow paragraphists grew wordy in condemnation of savage cruelty exhibited by whites toward the 'unoffending Indians.' Fellows who were never out of sight of the Mint chimneys, grew eloquent in denunciation of Gen. Kibbe, for his severe dealing with their bosom friend, "Lo, the poor Indian." We have been disgusted with such stuff, which, in addition to misrepresenting the settlers, betrays profound ignorance of Indian character. We wish the blathering doct's could, without too great inhumanity, be exposed a few months to what better and more useful people suffer on the border, until they could practically understand the character of the subject of their pathos. During five or six years, the people of Humboldt, Trinity, and other northern counties have been harrassed by these infernal pests of advancing civilization, pillaging, burning, murdering, until goaded to unnatural ferocity, they ordained the death of every Indian discoverable. And, in execution of just resolve, they have been denounced as inhuman, fiendish, though their houses had been burned, their friends murdered in the trail, their crops destroyed, and that, after humanly leading the cursed wretches incapable of gratitude, or of any instinct above the treacherous brute. Now, we grieve to say, a fearful illustration has enlightened us in relation to Indian character; and bemoaning the deplorable fate of our murdered neighbors, we can understand what sentiment impelled others to war of extermination. And yet, what our friends have suffered in Carson Valley, has, in a less degree, but with long continued regularity, been endured by settlers on the northern border; and when driven to fight the savages after the manner of his own warfare, they have been gazetted as outlaws and assassins. Citizen.

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