

Oppression of Diggers.

We take the following from the *Bulletin*—
not having seen it in the paper in which it
originally appeared. The "*Bee's* informant,"
is much better posted in regard to the region
of country mentioned, than any informant we
can find among the best citizens in the lower
part of this county. We are as much op-
posed to oppressive cruelty toward the dig-
gers, probably, as any of our philanthropic
contemporaries, and would cheerfully denounce
such conduct on the part of our own citizens
or any other people; we are equally as much
opposed to such unfounded stories as this,
which makes its first appearance at Sacra-
mento. We are informed by gentlemen from
below, who are bitterly opposed to the prac-
tice of associating with diggers, or having
anything to do with them, that there is no
such valley or place within thirty miles of the
mouth of Hel River, with "but one permanent
white settler;" and further, there is no such
thing as kidnapping and selling Indians, as
stated. We speak now of the country ex-
tending to and including Bear River and
Mattole, the latter of which lies more than
thirty miles below Hel River. Beyond that
there are no settlements that we claim to
know anything about. The removal of them
on the Reservations is recommended in order
to protect the "unfortunate diggers" from the
"lawless white men." We have repeatedly
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The Sacramento *Bee* has learned from a present resident of Sacramento, who has recently returned from a hunting trip in Humboldt county, of some outrages committed upon the Indians of that region, which ought to be made public. It appears that the *Bee's* informant went up to a valley about thirty miles south of the mouth of Bel river, which empties into the Pacific, and, finding plenty of elk, deer and bear, he temporarily located. The region is filled at this season with American hunters. There is but one permanent white resident in the valley—a man who went there from Nevada county with a Digger squaw for his wife, accompanied by the Indians of the north from which he took her. He is living upon a ranch, the limits of which have not yet been surveyed, and which is covered by a large number of cattle brought there and placed upon it, from time to time, by himself. The increase of his stock promises to be rapid; in fact, the man is already a wealthy individual, though occupying so isolated and semi-savage a condition. Losing some of his cattle recently, which the informant says he is certain were in some instances killed, and in others driven off, by the hunters, he attributed the depredations to the Indians belonging to that region, and requested the hunters to shoot down every Indian (except those he brought with him from Nevada county) that they should come across. Many of the hunters were more than ready to act upon the suggestion, for it gave them a still better chance for carrying on a traffic in which they had previously been engaged, to wit: kidnapping Digger children and selling them in different parts of the country. A great many Indians have thus been shot down in cold blood by these white savages, and the inhuman practice of kidnapping is now going on with the steadiness of a regular system.

