

WE learn by a gentleman from Butte county, who arrived in this city yesterday, that the Totas tribe of Indians, who had their hunting grounds between the North and Middle Forks of Feather river, were attacked in their camps on Thursday, the 18th inst., by the Picas tribe, living on the South Fork of the same river, and entirely exterminated them, not leaving a man, woman or child alive. At the time of the discovery of gold, the Totas tribe numbered about five hundred persons, and the Picas tribe about twelve hundred. A feud has existed between the two tribes during the past two years, growing out of a dispute as to the right to hunt in certain territory, and in consequence, a guerrilla war has been carried on, but almost invariably resulting in a loss to the Totas. This, together with the small-pox last autumn, reduced their tribe to about forty-five persons. The Picas are reduced to about nine hundred. The Picas crossed the river into the territory of the Totas, and using the usual stratagems incidental to Indian warfare, attacked the Totas in their camps at daylight, and completely wiped out the tribe. A party of prospecting miners visited their camp, discovered the bodies of the men, women and infants, and buried them.—*State Journal.*