

Indian Difficulties.

Late intelligence from Honey Lake Valley, represent that the settlers in that place are in imminent danger of being overpowered and cut off by the Indians. They have sent a petition to the Governor, asking for one hundred stand of arms, and call on the citizens of California generally to assist them in their extremity. A fight occurred on the 17th in which the settlers were compelled to retreat, and they have since been engaged in removing their families, stock, &c., to Indian Valley. On the 18th, an attack was made on the fort, which had been made by the settlers; the result of which is not known. It is their opinion that the Washoes and Pah Utahs have united for the purpose of exterminating the white settlers east of the Sierra Nevada. The Washoes immediately around Honey Lake, number some four or five hundred warriors, and the Pah Utahs are still more numerous. It is the opinion of the people of Honey Lake Valley that the Indians are under the influence of the Mormons, and that they are incited to hostilities against the whites by Brigham Young's satellites. As an evidence of this it is said that at the late attack on the fort, one of the besieged heard one of the assailants, who bore the outward marks of an Indian, say in better English than a Pah Utah ever spoke, "God damn 'em, we'll give it to 'em next time!" It should be borne in mind, however, that the first words of English an Indian learns is to swear, and if one of them attempted to speak so as to be understood by the whites, he would be likely to use an oath. Besides, the Mormons have evidently given up all idea of gaining a foothold on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada; for had they not, their people at Carson Valley would not have been ordered to leave that locality.

The Governor has decided to furnish the settlers at Honey Lake with arms and ammunition, and doubtless plenty of volunteers can be raised in a short time to resist any attack that may be made by the Indians. The only danger is, that the settlers will be cut off before assistance can reach them.

