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● **HEADQUARTERS PACIFIC DIVISION,**  
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The plan for the protection of the Indians in California, sketched by the superintendent of Indian affairs above, has been the subject of some

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conversation between that functionary and myself, and I am decidedly of the opinion, so far as Mr. Beale has developed his plan, that it is better than any hitherto proposed, and well calculated to meet the actual condition of things in this country.

It is, perhaps, the only one calculated to prevent the extermination of the Indians, and I therefore entirely concur in it, and would recommend its adoption.

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