

Our readers will perceive that in our present number we have conformed to the change recently made in the name of our town, by placing at the head of our paper SAN FRANCISCO instead of YERBA BUENA. The change has now been made legally, and we acquiesce in it, though we prefer the old name—the one by which the place has always been known in this country.— When the change was first attempted, we viewed it as a mere assumption of authority, without law or precedent, and therefore adhered to the old name of Yerba Buena. It was asserted by the late Alcalde, Washington A. Bartlett, that the place was called San Francisco in some old Spanish paper, which he professed to have in his possession; but how could we believe a man EVEN about that which it is said “there is nothing in” who had so often evinced a total disregard for his own honor and character—the honor and character of the country which gave him birth, and the rights of his fellow citizens in this distant land? We could not! We have no confidence in a man who, clothed with a little, trifling authority” oppresses his fellow creatures, and uses the power in his hands to deprive them of their rights. We have no confidence in a man who suffers himself to be bribed with a bottle of champagne or a roast turkey; or who as Judge stains the sacred ermine of the Bench by the reception of a paltry favor, knowing it to be intended to influence his decision in a case at the time pending before him. We refrain at present from saying anything further concerning the mal-practises of the late Alcalde, as we intend in a short time to expose the whole in one article and publish documentary proof to sustain every assertion.— His confidential adviser and SOME TIME ALCALDE will also receive a passing notice.

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¶ We learn from a letter received by the

launch Sacramento, arrived on the 16th inst., that the Digger Indians in the upper part of the Sacramento valley had become hostile to the settlers in that section, and had committed some depredations. Capt. Kern commander of the Sacramento district with twenty men, had gone up the valley for the purpose of chastising them. This tribe is not very warlike, and they never disturb the settlements in any other way than by driving off and killing their cattle and other stock. If Capt. Kern should meet with them he will have no difficulty in bringing them to terms.

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¶ We learn from a letter received in town a few days since from a gentleman in Monterey that Governor Kearny has determined not to appoint a council for the present. It is thought that no council will be appointed, but that Gov. Kearny will in the course of a very short time, issue a proclamation authorising and requesting the people to elect members to a regular territorial legislature. This it is believed will be done within the next three months or sooner if the country can before that time be divided into convenient districts, and the affairs of the territory so regulated as to justify a step of that kind.— Governor Kearny states in his proclamation which we publish to-day, that the people will soon be called upon to elect persons to make laws for them; and though the time is not pointed out, we do not believe that it will be deferred longer than the national interest requires it.