Port of San Francisco, and Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, have been duly appointed under the superintendence of the Board of Pilot Commissioners, (in conformity with the recent State laws,) and in whom the commercial community may place full confidence.

## The Indians at Rattlesnake Creek.

We are indebted to the kind attention of Mr. Sam. uel Kipp, for furnishing us with the following account of the recent difficulty between the whites and Indians at Rattlesnake Creek, the particulars of which had not before reached us. To Mr. Keeler's Express are we likewise under obligations for forwarding the dispatch. The frequent recurrence of difficulties between the Indians and the whites is a matter of serious regret. As usual the present rencontre, according to our informant, was brought on by the misconduct of a white man. But we will not detain our readers longer from our correspondent's communication:

CUNNINGHAM'S RANCHE, June 9, 1850.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Thinking the recent difficulty between the whites and Indians may be interesting to many of your readers, I hasten to give a brief account to send by our worthy friend Keeler, of the Express.

The sad affair was enacted upon Rattlesnake Creek, formerly Savage's Camp, on the 6th inst., and resulted in the death of Lutario, the chief of the tribes of Tuolumne and Mercedes Rivers, with some eight or ten of his warriors and four Americans. [There are various rumors as to the number killed; another re-

port says, six Americans killed.]

It originated in a person named Rose, from Texas, using in sulting language to the Chief, who resented the same by striking him, whereupon Rose drew his knife and inflicted several mortal wounds; his revenge was of short duration, for in the "twinkling of an eye," he fell, pierced by twenty arrows. The confusion which followed may be better imagined than described. A rush was made by the Americans for their arms, when the Indians numbering some 150, were driven to the mountains. As it was known that Lutario could, at a short notice, command some 900 warriors, and fearing an immediate attack, the Americans being few in number, immediately withdrew. The Indians have of late been particularly troublesome, and if attacked will be doubtless driven to the most southern rivers,—Keeler, in returning with the the mail from the Mercede River, saw near the cross trails a large party armed, on their way to the late scene. More or less confusion exists upon the camps on the rivers, and one and all are prepared to resist any attack that may be made.

Hastily yours, very truly,

SAMUEL KIP.

California Collegiate Institute.—We congratulate the citizens of California at the prospect of the immediate establishment of a literary institution of a high grade, at the seat of government. The Rev. gentleman who takes charge of this institution, graduated at one of our best New England colleges, in 1841, and has since successfully taught in Virginia