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*A Skirmish with the Indians!—Dr. Dixon,
of St. Louis, killed.*

The following letter from Judge Daniels puts us in possession of the latest intelligence from the scene of Indian difficulties. The letter is dated

COLOMA, Nov. 4, 1850.

Messrs. Editors—Through the politeness of Mr. A. W. Bee, of Placerville, who arrived here to-day, we are put in possession of late intelligence from the region of our difficulties with the Indians.

Yesterday (Sunday) a scouting party, ten in number, fell in with a party of fifty or sixty Indians, about 12 miles east of Placerville, located in a deep ravine, upon which a smart skirmish ensued, but were forced to retreat after fighting a short time, with the loss of Dr. Dixon, of St. Louis, and a Delaware Indian, killed, and Capt. Francisco wounded severely in the lower jaw. They report 8 or 10 Indians killed, and many wounded. Our party retreated as far as Johnson's ranche, six miles above Placerville, and sent into that place for reinforcements; and I learn that some 200 volunteers will start for the scene of action to-morrow. I have just learned that the body of Dr. Dixon has been recovered, horribly mangled—being literally cut in pieces by the savages.

I learn also that Col. McKinney, with a small mounted force, has gone in the vicinity of the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes, and in all probability has had an engagement. Col. Rogers with his command are preparing for vigorous measures against the enemy, and from the known character of

enemy, and from the known character of the officers in command, there will not be a useless slaughter of the Indians, but their only object will be the protection of the lives and property of our fellow citizens.

We expect to hear from headquarters in a few days, and I will write you again.

Yours, truly, V. DANIELS.

