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Los Angeles Correspondence.

We have received the annexed letter by due course of mail, and as it presents a somewhat different view of the Indian difficulties in that section than he retofore taken by us, we deem it worthy of publication, although it has reached us at so late a date. Without pretending to endorse it in the slightest, as it is mainly at variance with our preconceived notions, it is probably best for the public, and all interested, that the paper should be laid before them :

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6, 1851.

The people in this direction have been suffering the most horrible excitement in view of an expected attack from the Indians. A patrol guard has been kept up, and so well has it done its duty that alarms have been given, both here and at neighboring towns, and the people hurried off at night to a place of safety. In my opinion, however, the whole business is ridiculously exaggerated.— There has been an *excute* at Warner's Rancho, distant from here 120 miles, but Juan Antonio, the chief of the Indians who live in the neighborhood of the Mormons, has sent word to the authorities here that if they require his aid, he is ready to join them with his whole force.— The idea which has been so industriously circulated, and apparently so universally believed, that all the Indians had combined, and were about to make a descent upon this city and San Diego, seems to me the height of absurdity, and is contradicted by well known facts. There is nothing new in there being troubles with the Indians at Warner's. He has been driven off his rancho before by the Indians. There is a quarrel of long standing between Warner and the Indians, on account of some land which both claim. This old trouble has received a fresh aggravation this season, in consequence of the Sheriff of San Diego having seized the property of the Indians for taxes; and as Warner is the Senator from that county, it is natural that the Indians should charge the business to him. As to what is going on at the Colorado, reports are so contradictory that little reliance can be placed upon them. You will probably have a better account than I can give you, via San Diego.

The patriotic zeal of Gen. Bean has been aroused by this affair, and in his usual

was a fair, and in his usual summary manner he has called out the militia for a two months campaign. What authority he has for so doing is more than I can tell you; but the General is as fond of assuming power as was ever Gen. Jackson himself. It will be recollected that it was he that was the unauthorized cause of the Morehead expedition, which will cause the State an expenditure of at least \$200,000 before it is through with. The present expedition I anticipate will not cost much less. It may be all right, for what I know, but it must be painful to every good citizen to see the funds of the State expended so recklessly.

I am going from here to San Diego, and from thence will endeavor to give you a better account than the present.

Yours,

R. B.

**EARTHQUAKES.**--Yesterday there were three distinct shocks of an earthquake felt in our city. The first was quite severe, and was noticed about three o'clock in the morning, waking up many of our citizens. The second happened at twenty-five minutes of ten, and the third at twenty minutes of twelve.

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