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San Joaquin Intelligence.

INDIAN DIFFICULTIES.—A correspondent of the *Stockton Journal*, in a letter dated Mariposa, Jan. 31st., writes that a party of twenty-three men camped on the Fremont road at a place called Camp No. 2, and a party of five were dispatched for the purpose of burying Starkie. After discharging this duty, they discerned at a distance what was supposed to be smoke. This they reported on their return, and at moon-rise the whole party started for the rancheria, and surprised the same party of Indians who had killed Starkie. The Indians stood fast for about five minutes, uttering the war whoop, etc., and then fled. Their camp was burnt, and many trophies taken. Deputy Sheriff Rhone was wounded in the leg, and several others received scratches.

RIVER NEWS —The steamer *Marysville* arrived at our wharf yesterday, after an absence of eighteen days up the San Joaquin, transporting government stores. She carried up twenty tons to a point on the San Joaquin within twenty-five miles of Fort Miller, and the captain is favorably impressed with the capacity of the streams for uninterrupted navigation, and he entertains no doubt that when the river and Tulare lake are connected by an artificial channel, the trade in that region will grow into importance. At present, the lake discharges its waters into the river by an underground passage.

The San Joaquin is a very fine stream to the mouth of the Tuolumne, and even to the Merced, but beyond the mouth of the latter stream, the river spreads over a wide bed, forming numerous sand-bars and shoals. This continues for a distance of 120 miles, when the banks are again bluff, and the stream becomes deep and rapid. The trade, however, will not remunerate the captain to place his boat on for another trip, and he left with her yesterday to resume his route upon the waters of the upper Sacramento.—*Journal*.