

California Sup. Bd.  
E. J. Beale.

Washington 21 March 53.

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Enc. extracts from papers  
of California about Indian  
difficulties - Also extract  
of letter of his clerk showing  
that little reliance is to be  
placed in said newspaper  
statements.

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Washington, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Luke Lea Esquire,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington,

Sir,

Enclosed I send  
you extracts from the San Francisco  
papers. — You will see by the en-  
closed extract of a letter from my  
clerk how little reliance is to be placed  
in these statements, and that the  
truth of the matter is, that so far  
from troops being in the field against  
Indians, they are out for the purpose  
of protecting the Indians from  
white aggression.

I am, Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant

E. F. Beale

MARIPOSA, January 31, 1853.

Mr. Editor:—On Friday afternoon last a party of 25 men from this section of country, and from the ranches on the plains below here, arrived at and camped on the Fremont road at a place called Camp No. 2, and a party of 5 were detached for the purpose of burying Starke. After discharging this duty, they discerned in the distance what was supposed to be smoke. This they reported upon return, and at moon rise the whole party started for the rancheria, at which place they arrived about one hour before day, Saturday, and as soon as the beads could be seen, surprised them. The Indians stood fast for about five minutes, uttering the war whoop, &c., then broke for the hills and rock. Their camp was burnt and many trophies taken. Deputy Sheriff Rhoads was wounded in the leg, and several others scratched. They were the same red devils who killed S. Yours, Respectfully,

A. S. CHURCH.

Correspondences of the Stockton Journal.

Stockton, Feb. 5th, 1853.

Mr. Editor:—With pleasant weather and a supply of water, the mines around are doing well, and reaping the reward of their toil. Within the past two weeks, in the immediate vicinity of the city, rich

been found, or

SAN JOAQUIN NEWS.

[PER ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS]

Indian Difficulties—Flight on the Chowchilla.

A slip from the Stockton Journal, by Todd's express, has a letter from Mariposa, giving the details of a fight between the Indians and some miners.

MARIPOSA, Jan 31.

It appears that parties living on the lower Mariposa, and on the Chowchilla, have lost, during the winter, a considerable number of horses, and mules; without being able to discover the marauders.

At last a large fine horse was stolen, and being well shod, his large deep footprints in the soft earth led the party in search of him to the rancherias of about one hundred Indians, men, women and children, situated near the Chowchilla.

The Americans, five or six in number, before approaching the village, dismounted and hitched their horses, and advanced foot. The Indians seemed indisposed to parley, no talk, no sign, being their only reply to the questions propounded to them.

One of the party by the name of Starke, perceiving some dangerous movements on the part of the savages, fired his rifle killing their leader, and fell himself almost at the same instant pierced with several arrows. The fight then became general.

Dr. Westfall was severely wounded in his pistol hand, and, discovering that the Indians were about to cut them off from their horses, they retreated, leaving Starke on the ground. A day or two after this event, another party returned.

And the Indians, who had taken alarm at their approach, had fled from their village. The party burned the village, with all their provisions traps, &c., and retired.

Stockton.

INDIAN NEWS.—In addition to the news given by us yesterday, we learn from the Stockton Journal that the Indians have attacked Fort Miller, and also killed Mr. Converse at Converse's Ferry on the San Joaquin, and carried off his wife into captivity. Four hunters, who formerly made regular visits into Mariposa, from the Chowchilla, are also reported as

They are only struggling cubs, more to be taken than caught, and we get them in a trable shape. We hardly consider them worthy

The Chowchilla Indians are again in revolt against the whites, and it is much to be apprehended, from the account given of the disturbance, that the savages are not more to blame.

On the 21st inst. we found a party of interested persons, who had been in the country of yesterday.





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Extract of a letter from  
Mr. F. E. Kerlin, dated Stockton  
Feb 11. 1853.

"Capt. Crosby has just told me that he has received news from the Fort, in reference to the difficulty with the Indians. As I expected, the whites have been entirely in the wrong, and the men who went and attacked the Indians can be placed under no other category, than that of murderers. It appears that a horse's tracks were found leading to a rancharia and these wise men thought it conclusive evidence of his having been stolen, and went to the Rancharia and shot down ten or fifteen in cold blood, among them Raphael, the Interpreter. The Indians after seeing several of their number fall, returned the fire, and killed one of them, after which they turned back. I understand that most of those killed are Indians living at Savages camp, but could hear no names. Alex. Godoy was one of the men on the expedition against them, and came near losing his life.

The officers of the Fort are out with troops, to stop the settlers from committing any more outrages. The Indians on the Joaquin are all quiet, and are begging for protection. It is really too bad that



Those fellows about the Neapopolas,  
should be allowed to attack the In-  
dians in this way.

The Republican is coming  
out in a piece contradicting the for-  
mer statements."