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Confession of Antonio Garra.
We noticed in our last number the capture of the notorious Indian chief. He has since made a confession, of which the following is a copy. We have no time for comments this

week

RANCHO DEL CHINO
Dec. 13, 1851

Statement made by Antonio Garra, in presence of Capt. Lovell, Major Gen. Bean, Col. Williams, Major Myra Norton, and W. H. Bond, at St. Louis Rey Indian Mission, was baptised in Mission of St. Louis Rey, and from my earliest recollection, have been connected with the

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St. Louis Indians. Have had authority over
only a portion of the St. Louis Indians. Never
had any connection with the Cahullias. Was
appointed by Gen. Kearney, U. S. Army, com-
mander-in-chief of the St. Louis Indians in the
year 1847. Capt. Chaputgas and Capt. Vin-
cente, Cahullias, came to my rancharia and in-
sisted on my going immediately to take com-
mand of the people and Juan Largo (Hon. J. J.
Warner) told me that the Americans would
come in a few days and kill all the Indians. I
excused myself to them by saying that I was
sick, and the responsibility would all fall upon
me. My people, in company with a party of
Cahullias from Los Coyotes, started on Satur-
day, Nov. 23d, to rob Juan Largo's rancho. I
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stayed at home. They robbed the rancho of all the cattle, and killed three Americans. Three of my people were also killed by Juan Largo. The Sonoranian boy, who was in the employ of Warner, is now held a prisoner by my people, at Los Coyotes. The two men named Bill Marshall and Juan Verde, had nothing to do with the transaction. I concealed them on purpose to keep them from the knowledge of it. Neither have those men taken any part in the hostilities practiced towards the Americans.— They were entirely ignorant of what has been done. I was advised by Joaquin Ortega and Jose Antonio Estudillo, to take up arms against the Americans. They advised me secretly, that if I could effect a juncture with the other Indian tribes of California, and commence an attack upon all the Americans wherever we could find them, that the Californians would

that if I could effect a juncture with the other Indian tribes of California, and commence an attack upon all the Americans wherever we could find them, that the Californians would join with us, and help in driving the Americans from the country. They advised me to this course that I might revenge myself for the payment of taxes, which has been demanded of the Indian tribes. The Indians think the collection of taxes from them to be a very unjust measure. This advice was given to me by Joaquin Ortega, in his (Ortega's) rancho. No other person was present at the time. I afterwards saw Antonio Estudillo, who advised me to the same effect, assuring me of the co-operation of the Californians throughout the country.

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