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Arrival of Capt. Sitgreaves Exploring Party.
Yesterday the party ordered to survey the
Rio de Zuni and Big Colorado arrived at this
place. It consisted of Lt. M. Kenrick, 2d Ar-
tillery, (in command of the escort,) Capt. Sit-
greaves and L. Parke, of the Topographical
Engineers, and Mr. B. H. Reed and Dr. Wood-
house, and some fifty soldiers and packers. Mr.
Leroux was their guide.
The party left Santa Fe the 13th of last Au-
gust, and proceeded as far as the Pueblo of Zu-
ni, where they were detained from the 1st un-
til the 24th of September. Thence they fol-
lowed the Rio de Zuni in a S. W. course until
near its junction with the Little Colorado, which
river they followed until where it makes its last
canon, and at which place it has a fall of about
150 feet. The general direction of this river is

160 feet. The general direction of this over is north of west. Leaving the Little Colorado, they struck over to the western side of the Sierras de San Francisco, a high and isolated mountain range. Traveling in a south and west direction, they struck Williams' Fork, the first water of the Big Colorado. From here, they passed over an immense desert, without water and but little grass—their animals being four days and three nights without a drop of water. They struck the Big Colorado on the 6th of November, at a point about 50 miles below the mouth of the big canon, the trail previously passing over several parallel ridge of mountains, on the summit of one of which, the guide, Mr. Leroux, was attacked by a party of Yampais or Cosninas, and severely wounded.

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They traveled down on the east side of the big river until the arrival at the Gila, near its mouth, on the 29th of November. They found all the river Indians hostile—the Amaghaves having fired into their camp one morning before day-light; and a wandering band of Yumas attacked them whilst they were about making a noon halt. One of the soldiers who strayed behind, was first shot with arrows, and then so badly clubbed that he died early the next morning. The Indians had four killed and about a dozen wounded, and were so severely handled that they did not renew the attack, but contented themselves with following after the party to pick up the given out mules.

When they reached the Post on the Colorado on the 30th of Nov. they were destitute of all

on the 30th of Nov., they were destitute of all other food than their mules, those having constituted almost their sole rations for two weeks.

At the Post they received every kindness and attention from Lieuts. Murray and Sweeney.

The arrival of Capt. Davidson's command, four days after, and the very limited supply of provisions on hand at the Post, and the determined hostility of the Indians, involved the necessity of breaking it up. Most of the property

was cooked, and the whole party left the river on the 6th inst. Capt. Davidson and the officers and men of the 2d Infantry, received orders

whilst at San Pasqual, from Maj. Heintzelman, to join him at San Isabel—the Exploring party continuing on to this place, where they are now encamped.

Their trip was a very hard one, from the fact of their having started with one hundred and forty mules, and on arrival here they had only about thirty.