

# SAN DIEGO HERALD

1. SAN DIEGO, CAL. THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1851.

**Important News for Coyotes.**

**ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN U. S. TROOPS AND THE INDIANS.**

**Learned Commentators of Antonio's Confession, and Proving the Connection of Certain Native Californians with the Indian Insurgents.**

Mr. Jones, one of Genl. Bean's volunteers, for the following important information. A detachment of Capt. Fitzgerald's company of State troops, arrived a few days since at San Isabel, short of provisions.— They there learned from the officer belonging to

...troops, arrived a few days since at San Isabel, short of provisions.— They there learned from the officer belonging to Maj. Heintzelman's command, that this officer was attacked at the Coyotes, on Sunday morning last, by Chapulgas, at the head of one hundred Indians. An engagement of a few moments duration ensued, during which the Indians were entirely routed, leaving 8 of their number dead on the field. Chapulgas being among the slain. None of our troops were injured, although they received the enemy's fire at a distance of twenty-five yards. It appears that owing to our troops approaching the Coyotes by the pass leading upon the desert, Chapulgas mistook them for a party of emigrants. A well

mistook them for a party of emigrants. A well delivered fire convinced them of their fatal error. The Indians fled to the mountains, hotly, but vainly pursued by our troops. Some twenty five or thirty of the enemy used rifles in the engagement. In ransacking the rancherias, at the Coyotes, letters were found signed by some of the native Californians, and addressed to Antonio, the contents of which prove the truth of the *confessions* we published last week. It is said that Antonio confesses that his party, previous to his capture, had killed 45 Americans. Will the *Picayune*, in the face and eyes of this information, continue to assert that the war is at an end?