

COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA. — There will be public exercises of the schools attached to this institution on Wednesday, the 31st inst., and a collation on the College grounds. An address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Scott, and a poem by Frank Soule, Esq., appropriate to the occasion.

63. Wells, Fargo & Co., were first with our Sacramento exchanges yesterday. Thanks.

FATE OF COL. FREANER. — The *Shasta Republican* says, it will doubtless be remembered that Col. Freaner, who became known throughout the United States during the Mexican war as the correspondent of the *New Orleans Delta*, over the signature of "Mustang," left Yreka in June, 1852, accompanied by a party of four, intending to examine a route for a wagon road from that place to the Sacramento Valley. Col. Freaner did not reach his destination, and the conviction soon became general that he and his party had fallen victims to the savages of Cloud and Pitt Rivers. The particular circumstances attending his massacre have not until recently been brought to light.

Not long since, "Numtariman," the chief of the Cow Creek Indians, inquired of Mr. George Woodman, of Cow Creek, if he ever knew anything of a party of four or five men having been killed by the Indians more than three years since, high up on the Pitt river, indicating the place on the river where Freaner would be likely to cross, and where some papers were found a year or more ago that had evidently been in his possession.

The chief's account of the affair, as given to him by the Pitt River Indians, is, that a party with two Indians had started in a canoe to cross the river, and when about half way across, the Indians leaped into the water— seized hold of the canoe and upset it. The Indians then from both banks of the river, (there being a large number on either shore,) commenced shooting their arrows into them, and thus massacred the entire party. There is no doubt the party thus murdered was that of Colonel Freaner and his men. There is little or no doubt, but the above is a correct account of the sad affair, and doubtless it will be

some satisfaction to the friends of Col. Frazier to know these particulars concerning his fate.

**THE SURVEYORS AND SETTLERS.**—The *Express*, of yesterday, publishes a letter from a U. S. Deputy Surveyor, which intimates, that for a consideration, he, the Surveyor, will go and fix the metes and bounds of a Mexican grant, in Butte county, so as to accommodate the Settlers and disparage the interests of the owner of the grant. This is the construction which the letter of Deputy Surveyor Van Dorn plainly warrants. How the letter came to be made public, we know not—but it places Mr. V. in rather an ugly and unpleasant position. He doubtless will make some explanation of the matter.

Mr. Fairfax, the Register of the Land Office in this city, in a card, also in the *Express*, disclaims having any connection with Mr. Van Dorn's arrangements. He receives the maps, sent to this Land Office from the U. S. Surveyor General's Office, and here they are kept on file for the inspection of all interested in the surveys of the public lands.

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