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Sonera Correspondence.

Severe Encounter with the Indians—the New Diggings.

SONORA, Feb. 25th, 1853

I wrote you a day or two since that a body of Indians had descended from the mountains, and stolen a number of horses and mules, and that a party was then gone in pursuit of them. I learn to-day that they have returned, having had a severe brush with the Indians, and recovered nothing. This tribe, which is represented to be one of the lowest and most savage, live near the South Fork of the Stanislaus to which place they were followed by the party, consisting of seventeen well armed men. The pursuing party went boldly into the midst of their ranche-ria, not observing more than three or four Indians, until they found themselves surrounded by some three or four hundred, some armed with guns, some with revolvers, and some with bows and arrows. The Indians at once set upon the party, and they had nothing to do but fight their way through and return, which they did, killing three Indians and wounding several more. None of the Americans were killed or wounded. A large party will probably leave in a few days, for the purpose of giving them a thorough castigation.

The new diggings near Cartesville, of which I have previously written, continue to pay very richly. The company who first struck the lead took out yesterday some three thousand dollars, and the prospect that it will continue for a long time, is improving as they open farther into the claims.

P. P.

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