

Col. Negrete, heretofore the military commandant of Santa Tomas, Lower California, has arrived in San Francisco,

FIVE INDIANS KILLED.—We are informed by a gentleman who came up from Humboldt Bay some days since, that just before he arrived at Burnt Ranch, on Trinity River, five Indians had been shot by a party of whites. It seems that a Mr. Fish, who was residing on the ranch, had just started out in search of some animals that were lost, when three Indians, well armed, were seen by a young man who was left in charge of the ranch, approaching the house. He becoming frightened, started at once in pursuit of Mr. Fish, and quickly overtook him. Mr. F. then returned to the house, drew his gun upon the savages, and thus compelled them to yield their arms, after which he drove them into the house. In a few moments thereafter two more Indians came up, and met with the same luck—were corralled in the house. The young man then started to obtain the assistance of several miners in determining the treatment to be awarded the savages, while Fish stood guard at the door. Soon after the miners arrived, a dozen or more Indians, all fully armed, were discovered upon the surrounding hills. This left no doubt upon the minds of the whites that it was their intention to again burn the house if possible, and the prisoners were therefore taken out and shot. It appears that the Indians are bitterly opposed to the presence of white men in that locality, and have accordingly taken every opportunity to annoy the settlers by running off their stock.

WELCOME PRESENT.—Our friend D. D. Colton, who left on the *Brother Jonathan* for his home in Illinois on the 31st December, sent us