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Capt. Howard arrived last night from the Tejon Pass. He left the Indian reservation on the 10th of the present month, and he gives the most glowing description of Lieut. Beale's experiment with the Indians. He is working wonders. There are now some 2,300 of these wild inhabitants of the Sierra Nevada now profitably engaged in the cultivation of the soil, and the cry is still they come, as every day brings some new accession. It is a mistake to suppose that these are Mission Indians; the vast majority are men who have frequently been brought in conflict with the whites. Runners have been sent to every part of the State, and even tribes of the Sacramento region have sent their representatives to inquire into the condition of affairs, and all are delighted at the prospect. Lieut. Beale had only sixty Indians to commence with, but the news soon reached the ears of one of the most influential chiefs in the southern district and he brought in every man of his tribe.

Capt. Howard says that the objection which some urge against Lieut. Beale's plan, namely, that it is situated in the midst of a county which will ultimately be settled by the whites, has no force. It appears that this reservation is bounded on the north by a desert country, on the west by a lake, and on the east by the mountain region; on the south again lies an almost desert country. The Indians reside comfortably in tule houses of their own construction, but in a short time, Lieut. Beale will

teach them to erect adobe buildings. There are no ardent spirits permitted within the reservation. The lakes and streams afford an abundance of fish and the prairie abounds with game. Many of the Indians are employed in dressing skins. Some specimens of their work we have seen. Capt. Howard had a "big talk" with the Merced Indians the day before yesterday. They are nearly all going to the reservation.

The Four Creek country is fast settling up. On Tule river, where six months ago there was only one family, there is now a population of some fifty persons.

MINING IN EL DORADO.—The Grass Valley *Telegraph* speaks favorably of the prospects of the miners, now that rain has fallen. The rain has been general and heavy. From Grass Valley we have reports that it poured in torrents for thirty successive hours. Wolf Creek is booming and miners rejoice. Dry Creek is full and in some places has overflowed its banks. All the mountain streams are rapidly rising. The American and its forks are swelling, and the Yuba at last accounts had risen twenty feet. At Bidwell's, on Friday, Feather river had risen seven feet, and was swelling fast. The Sacramento is so swollen that the storeships are elevated to a level with the streets.

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