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Later News from the Indian Reservation---Arrival of Captain Howard.

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.

There are some 2,300 of these wild inhabitants of the Sierra Nevada now profitably engaged in the cultivation of the soil, and every day brings some new accession. It is a mistake to suppose that they 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 Tu e river, where six months ago there was only one family, there is now a population of some fifty persons.

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