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Trouble among the Indians.

We learn that there is trouble among the Dieguinos Indians in this county in consequence of the re-appointment, by Superintendent Beale, of old TOMAS, as Captain General over that tribe. We have seen communications from La Mesa, in the vicinity of the Dieguinos Indians, stating that they manifest great dissatisfaction at having old Tomas thrust upon them again, and that they even threaten *rebellion*.

We do not pretend to be conversant with the details of regulating Indian tribes, nor are we acquainted fully with the plans adopted by our efficient and popular Superintendent of Indian affairs in California; but this we do know—and our judgment is predicated upon information received from old residents in this country, and Rancheros in our immediate vicinity—that Lieut. Beale has committed a great error in the appointment of that old liar, thief and drunkard, TOMAS, Captain over a tribe which neither fears nor respects him. Mr. Beale is one of the few men holding important positions

in California, who entered upon the discharge of his duties with spirit and energy, and with a manifest determination to do justice to all parties concerned; and we hazard the opinion that he never would have made the appointment to which we refer, had he not been imposed on by false representations from parties in some way interested.

Col. C. J. Coats, the present sub-Indian Agent, for this county, has taken so much interest in the regulation of the San Luis Rey Indians, and has brought them into such a state of subjection, by his judicious management, that his neighboring Rancheros, living in the vicinity of the Dieguinos, have applied to him to extend his control over the Indians in their vicinity, and organize some system by which they can be governed and restrained. They have also applied to have old TOMAS removed, and PANTO appointed as their captain.

Since TOMAS was publicly whipped by our Sheriff, a few months since, for stealing, his tribe has lost all respect for him, and express a fixed determination not to serve under or obey him.

From the slight knowledge we have of the character of Lieut. Beale, we are confident that he is disposed to do all in

his power to preserve peace and harmony

among the different Indian tribes and to adopt such a system for their government as will most effectually restrain them from the commission of depredations on our Raucheros.

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