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It will be recollected that a few weeks since the writer of the following letter sent a statement to the *Southern Californian*, that Col. Washington had been obliged to suspend his surveys at the Colorado, on account of the hostility of the Indians. This statement was contradicted by Mr. Williams, in reply to which Mr. Sherburne sends the following, which we are permitted to publish :

SAN GORGONIA, CAL., Nov. 28, 1855.

DEAR SIR—I gave you some time since an account of the difficulties that Col. Washington had with the Indians on the Colorado River. I have learned since, and within a few days, that the statement had been denied by Mr. Williams, a member of the Colonel's party.

I have learned from a person who conversed with Mr. Williams at the time of his writing the denial, that Mr. W. stated his object for doing so was that the Colonel's credit in Los Angeles might not be injured—a deep reason, truly!

As my statement was correct, it is a duty I owe myself to uphold it. Dr. Smith, of San Gorgonia, has lately returned from the Plains, where he accompanied Mr. Washburn. He had a conversation with one of the party who was with the Colonel on the river. He stated the same that I sent you, with the exception of not running the line to the river. The Colonel did go to the river, but was obliged to make an offset of several miles to the South, place his stakes at high-water mark and leave. He was threatened and insulted by the Indians.

Your obed't servant,

JNO. P. SHERBURNE.

Statistics of the Colored People in this State.

Mr. Townsend, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Colored Convention, lately held at Sacramento, to collect statistics of the population, capital, etc., of the colored people of the State of California, reports as follows:

	Population.	Wealth.
Alameda.....	50	\$50,000
Amador.....	100	25,000
El Dorado.....	1,000	350,000
Nevada.....	400	250,000
Calaveras.....	250	100,000
Los Angeles.....	60	70,000
Tuolumne.....	200	73,000
Shasta.....	100	150,000
Santa Clara.....	50	40,000
Sacramento.....	500	250,000
San Francisco.....	1,500	750,000
Monterey.....	50	45,000
Yuba.....	500	200,000
Trinity.....	55	20,000
Total.....	4,815	\$2,375,000

It will be seen from the above table that in the