

FIGHT WITH THE MOJAVE INDIANS.—Our Los Angeles exchanges contain full accounts of the late fight between the U. S. troops under Maj. Armistead and Lieut. Marshall, and the Mojaves.

On the 4th inst., the Major left Fort Mojave with twenty-five men to destroy some Indian ranches. Lieut. Marshall was to leave next morning at day-break to meet him. At five o'clock the Major found himself in a cornfield where there were three Indians planting. This was some fourteen miles from the Post. He fired upon the Indians, killing one, the others gave the alarm and a general fight ensued, which lasted three hours, when Lieutenant Marshall came up with his men and took part in the action. After three desperate charges the Indians left the field without a yell. Lieut. Marshall had three men wounded. Of the Major's command no one was hurt. It is supposed by those engaged in the action that fifty Indians were killed. Some say more. The Indians numbered from 400 to 500. Maj. Armistead was compelled during the fight to send small detachments to prevent the charges which the Indians were continually making. At one time he was forced to place the command of Lieut. Marshall in his rear to keep back the Indians, who were attacking his command in the rear. It was in this last attack that twenty-four Indians, whose bodies were left on the field, were killed. It was not known with certainty how many were killed in the first engagement. This news all goes to show that the late expedition of Col. Hoffman effected no good, and that Geo. Clarke will have to take some decisive step against this ferocious tribe. They occupy a country through which a large portion of the Southern immigration must pass, and until they are effectually subjugated we may look for appalling news from that quarter.

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Armistead and Marshall

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