

distances being very great, he must act fully as well as promptly in all matters relating to his duties as Ind. agt. - he ought to be clothed with powers as Special Alcalde. Thus he will be able to arrange Mission affairs in a short time.

"The San Indians have rais'd a large crop of corn, enough they all say to carry them thro' the winter. I visited all their settlements at Santa Margarita, San Luis, Tamasula, Temaycall, and others on my way to & from S. Luis Rey, going by one & returning by another road, and I really saw more evidence of comfortable living among them than I saw at most of the ranches of Californians who are regarded as rich men."

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Sub. Ind. Agt. Vallejo to Gov. - Murder of an Ind. - outrages upon Indians frequent & unpunish'd - String. Measures made &c

On 3<sup>d</sup> Inst. learn'd an Ind. had been shot - visited the place of the act with Lt Anderson then Command of the post - found the Ind. dying - next day investigated the matter.

Murder committed by Benj. Kelly of Sonoma - a man of good stand. & respectability - cause, an alleged insult & attempt<sup>d</sup> violence by the Ind. to Kelly's

wife. Prior to the killing, the Ind.<sup>s</sup> had been told, before the magistrate & sentenced to receive 100 lashes - after the infliction of the punishment and discharge of the Ind.<sup>s</sup>, Kelly in comp. with several other persons went in quest of him, and upon finding him, Kelly deliberately drew a pistol and shot him thro' the head inflicting a mortal wound.

Murders & outrages agt Ind.<sup>s</sup> frequent & committed with impunity - measures must stringent must be adopted to stop that lawlessness, or else this community will be greatly endangered by retaliation on the part of the Ind.<sup>s</sup>

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M. J. Vallejo to Gov. Mason - On Ind.<sup>s</sup> & their Character -  
Futile efforts to civilize them.

(Orig. in Sp. Translation on margin by Wm. C. P. Hartnell, Secy. State?)

Most Excellt Sir: I have sought at all times the means of regulating the manag<sup>t</sup> of Ind.<sup>s</sup>, as well for their private benefit, as to amalgamate them as far as possible with the Whites, and that they might be mutually useful to each other; but