

middle of November; and about the first of December an emigrant train came in and reported that they saw a man sitting on the side of a trail, some five miles back, cooking, with some pack animals about him. We thought it must have been our companion on his way back from Sacramento, but as he did not come in that night, some of us went in search of him. We found indications of his having camped, remnants of provisions scattered about us, which led us to believe that he had been killed by the Indians, and we saw by the grass and brush that something had been dragged to a ravine three or four hundred yards away, and following up this trail, we presently came to a fallen tree, from the root of which I saw a foot sticking out, and on pulling down the brush that was piled up, we found the body of Powers, with three arrows in it, and a money belt on his person with about a hundred dollars in it, which when he left contained about a thousand dollars in gold dust. He was evidently killed from behind by the Indians, and all the animals and provisions stolen by them. We carried him into camp, and buried him in an extinct crater, some little distance up in the hills, so that if at any future time his people, who were Costumians, and wealthy, might wish to send for his remains, they might easily be found there. The next day, we organized a party of about twenty persons, all these were in the camp, and started for the Indian camp, to furnish the rascals and