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More Murders By The Apaches.

From a private letter received by Mr. W.G. Sill, Postmaster of this city, on Thursday last, from Mr. S. J. Poston, dated at La Paz May 11th, we learn that Mr. Charles O. Cunningham (formerly of the Monte) of La Paz, was shot and instantly killed on the 3rd instant by Indians at Willow Springs about forty miles this side of Prescott. Richard Bell and Cornelius Sage were killed the same day on that route within a few miles of the same place. There are three [other] men missing, supposed to have been killed. The Indians stole about thirty head of mules from Date Creek Ranch. Other accounts say that eleven bodies were discovered between La Paz and Prescott, that the murdered men were scalped with the single exception Cunningham, whose clothing, pistol, etc., were untouched. The Indians, it is supposed, did not intend to kill Mr. Cunningham. The whites were shot from ambuscade. Carleton's war of extermination does not seem to be progressing against these murderous wretches. It is hoped Gen. Mason will prosecute a vigorous war of extermination against these cowardly Apaches.