

# A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGIA—By His Excellency GEORGE R. GILMER,  
*Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and  
Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof.*

**W**HEREAS it has been discovered that the lands in the territory now occupied by the Cherokee Indians within the limits of this State, abound with valuable minerals, and especially gold—And whereas the State of Georgia has the fee simple title to said lands, and the entire and exclusive property in the gold and silver therein: And whereas numerous persons, citizens of this and other States, together with the Indian occupants of said territory, taking advantage of the law of this State, by which its jurisdiction over said territory was not assumed until the first day of June last past, have been engaged in digging for gold in said land, and taking therefrom great amounts in value, thereby appropriating riches to themselves, which of right equally belonged to every other citizen of the State, and in violation of the rights of the State, and to the injury of its public resources—And whereas the absence of legal restraint and the nature of their pursuit, have caused a state of society to exist among said persons, too disorderly to be permitted to continue—And whereas by the act of the last Legislature to add the territory within the occupancy of the Cherokee Indians, included in the limits of this State, to the counties of Carroll, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Hall and Habersham, and to render void and disannul all Cherokee laws, the jurisdiction of this State is now extended over said territory, and all persons therein made subject thereto:—Now for the purpose of removing all persons from the lands of this State in the territory aforesaid, except such as are permitted by the laws or assent of this State to occupy the same; to secure to the State its property in the minerals therein, and to put an end to the lawless state of society which has hitherto existed among the gold diggers in said territory, I have thought proper to issue this my Proclamation, notifying all persons whom it may concern, that the jurisdiction of this State is now extended over all the territory in the occupancy of the Cherokees, included within the limits of this State, and which was by an act passed by the last Legislature of this State, made a part of the counties of Carroll, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Hall or Habersham, and that all persons residing therein, are subject to said jurisdiction; and to warn all persons whether citizens of this or other States, or Indian occupants, to cease all further trespass upon the property of this State, and especially from taking any gold or silver from the lands included within the territory occupied by the Cherokee Indians, and so as aforesaid added to the counties aforesaid, and to direct all persons to quit possession of said lands and depart from said territory without delay, except such as by law or the assent of the State are permitted to occupy the same, and to require all officers of the State within