

The following is a *manifesto* accompanying the resolutions entered into by the Georgia Gold-diggers in the Cherokee territory :

TO COLONEL. HUGH MONTGOMERY.

*Head of Pigeon Roost, July 27, 1830.*

SIR.—We the citizens of Georgia, who are engaged in the Gold digging business in the Cherokee nation, beg leave to make the following communication to you, to wit :

We are well aware that it is wrong for us to intrude upon the rights of Georgia, by digging for Gold upon her unappropriated and unsurveyed lands, as we have been doing for some time past, and that we of right ought to be stopped. Therefore at the time you visited the mines in June last, (at your request) we abandoned our searches for Gold in the Nation and returned to our homes. But finding that your reasonable request, and the exertions of Capt. Brady, had not induced the citizens of other states to abandon their searches, we returned to the Nation. And our excuse for thus acting may be found in this. That we believe the soil of the Nation, and the minerals therein contained, properly belong to the state of Georgia, and that we have a prospective interest in the same, and that we are more excusable than the citizens from other states or the people of the Nation. Therefore we thought while others were grasping after the wealth of our state that we would strive for a part. But sir, notwithstanding all this, we are now willing to abandon our searches for Gold again, provided all other persons are compelled to do so. But let it be distinctly understood that if effective means are not adopted to restrain and prohibit all other persons from digging, that we will again return with the full determination of being the last to quit the mines upon any subsequent occasion.

It unanimously resolved the foregoing communication be signed by the Chairman, in behalf of the citizens of Georgia, present, and countersigned by the Secretary, and forwarded to Col. Hugh Montgomery.

B GOODMAN, Chairman.

W. H. GATHRIGHT, Secretary.