THE GOLD DIGGERS. Extract of a letter from Col. Charles H. Nel.

son to a gentleman in this place, dated Gaines ville, January the 18th 1831. "Dear Sir,—In haste, I inform you, that on vesterday we had warm work at Leather,

ford. A detachment [of the State Guard] under my command was conducting eleven prisoners, when we were attacked by about sixty men, who used every thing but guns. We charged on them and dispersed every one of them, without damage to my men. One of the assailants received three severe bayonet wounds, from which his recovery is considered doubtful."- Washington News.