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Col. Sanford to Gov. Gilmer.

AGENCY, AT SCUDDER'S, Feb. 7, 1831.

His Excellency George R. Gilmer.

SIR.—The weather and water courses no longer preventing his departure, Col. Nelson proceeded on the 1st inst. with eighteen men, to the Upper Mines, and finding them undisturbed, again returned to his quarters on the evening of the following day. The destruction, in his former excursions into those regions, of all the means of operation, together with every thing else calculated to afford shelter or refuge from the remarkable inclemency of the season, has greatly tended to this security. It may perhaps too, in some measure, be attributed to the determination of doing our duty in despite of popular clamor or vulgar misrepresentations. The public feeling too, is becoming more tranquil, and is no longer excited by the groundless accusations of those whose conduct, as far as it has been rightly understood, or properly explained, has received the *decided* approbation of the more *orderly* and *respectable* portion of the community. Its *real* disturbers have been ascertained, and are no longer encouraged by public countenance. This augurs well, and leaves yet the hope of the ultimate success of the objects contemplated by the Legislature. Few, very few, comparatively, of the white residents, have as yet filed their affidavits of allegiance in my office; they appear hesitating and reluctant, probably awaiting the last day of grace. An opportunity, has been thus afforded, of discriminating between the more violent opposers, and those who have given in their adhesion to the government from choice. The papers containing the Acts, have been distributed and circulated throughout the Nation, and I have informed the non-juror in language, not to be misunderstood, that the utmost rigor of the law will be enforced against him.

The guard, with the exception of those first seized with the measles, are in good health, and are again pent in their Barracks, by a snow several inches deep. Bad weather, however, is a common thing with us. Three days of sunshine have not succeeded each other since our arrival here, and the cold has been all the time severe.

I have the honor to be, with sentiments of the highest respect, your obedient, and humble servant.

J. W. A. SANFORD.