

GEORGIA.—By his Excellency JOHN FORSYTH, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof.

## A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Georgia did, on the 26th December, 1827, enact "that all that portion of the Cherokee Nation lying within the following lines, shall be attached to, and become a part of the county of Carrol, for the purpose of giving criminal jurisdiction to said county of Carrol, under the several laws heretofore passed for the trial of offences committed in the Cherokee or Indian Nation, to wit:—Beginning at Buzzard Roost and running thence on the old path that leads to one Sally Hughes's, thence on the main public road to the Georgia line dividing Georgia from Alabama, and thence on that line to where the same intersects the county line of Carrol," and "all that portion of the unlocated territory of this state lying North of the aforesaid line and South of the Hightower trail, be added to the county of DeKalb for the purposes of criminal jurisdiction, and that all crimes and misdemeanors committed on any part of the aforesaid territory by or against any citizen of this state or of the United States, shall be cognizable and triable in the aforesaid county of DeKalb."

And whereas the remnant of the Cherokee tribe of Indians yet remaining on the territory above described (being a portion of the territory formerly set apart for the use of that tribe as hunting ground) have formed and published a Constitution of Government, professed to be independent of this State and of the United States, by which the right of the Indians to the soil and to the jurisdiction over all persons and things within the before described territory belonging to this State, and now for the purposes aforesaid, forming parts of the counties of Carrol and DeKalb, is asserted, and provision contemplated for the punishment before Indian tribunals of those offences which the courts of the said counties are alone competent to decide;—

I have thought proper to issue this my proclamation, giving notice to all persons of the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, for the benefit and protection of all citizens of the State and of the United States, in

their persons and property, who may be permanently or transiently upon the territory aforesaid,—warning all persons whatsoever, to refrain from all attempts to exercise authority contrary to the letter and spirit of the laws of this State, that they may not subject themselves to the pains and penalties inflicted upon those who disturb the public tranquility, or interfere without warrant with the due administration of public justice : —Enjoining it upon all judges, justices of the Inferior courts, and of the peace, to see that in that territory the laws of the State are respected and obeyed—Commanding all sheriffs, and their deputies, coroners and constables, faithfully and rigorously to execute their duties—the attorney and solicitors general earnestly to prosecute all persons charged with offences within the territory aforesaid—Exhorting all grand jurors diligently to enquire and faithfully to present all offenders against the laws of the State within the said territory, that a fair investigation may be had before the only tribunals competent to decide upon their guilt or innocence, and appropriate punishment inflicted upon them, if legally condemned—and commanding all militia officers, of every grade or rank, to give with their respective commands to the civil authority lawful aid, whenever properly called upon for that purpose, for the arrest of offenders, the protection of the courts or of the magistrates, and of all other civil officers who may be put in jeopardy in the discharge of their duty upon, or in relation to the territory aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.—  
Done at Milledgeville, the 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1828, and of American Independence the fifty-second.

JOHN FORSYTH.

By the Governor :

EVERARD HAMILTON, Secretary of State.

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