

The Cherokee Indians it is stated have refused their assent to an application from the General Government for a cession of territory sufficient for a Canal between the Tennessee and Coosa rivers. Such is the consequence of treating with this handful of Indians and half-breeds as if they were a sovereign and independent Nation.—The General Government claims and exercises the power of cutting canals and making roads through the States of the Union without asking leave of the State authorities—but if an Indian tribe be in the way its consent must be obtained before any thing can be done; and a refusal to grant it, whether proceeding from caprice or whatever motive, arrests the progress of the most necessary and useful work! Is this consistent with reason and common sense?—*Southern Recorder.*