

The Cherokee Constitution has produced a very mistaken idea in the minds of many persons, especially such as endeavor to take every advantage of the Indians. To say that the Cherokees have declared themselves independent of the United States, and violated, in their constitution, their connection with the General Government, would be doing them very great injustice; for the thought of such independence has never entered into their minds, as we already have had occasion to declare: and we hope to the wise and candid it will be sufficient. This constitution was adopted for the good of the Cherokee People, as their condition made it evident that they could not improve otherwise in legislation. It did not originate in any desire of such independence as our treaties with the United States would not warrant.— We do not claim rights which do not belong to us much less are we so blinded as to suppose that we can within ourselves change our relation with the General Government. Rights, however, we have, secured to us by treaties, and will the people of this enlightened land, emphatically called the land of freedom, deprive us of these few rights?—*Cherokee Phoenix.*