

*Resolved 4th* That no claims hereafter made shall be considered good and valid unless the same shall have been staked off in conformity with the provision of Resolution 3rd and written notice of the size of the claim and number of men in the company posted upon a tree or stake at each end of the claim together with the date of day when the claim was made and all claims that are now made shall be staked off in conformity with these resolutions within five days from the date of the adoption of these resolutions.

*Resolved 5th* That the size of the claim, the number of men composing the company that holds the claim together with a brief description of the location of the same so that it may be identified shall within ten days after the claim is made be filed in the office of the Justice of the Peace in whose district the same may be located. And all persons holding such claims shall file the same within ten days from this meeting.

And all persons hereafter making claims [within ten days after the claims are located] or otherwise such claims shall be forfeited—

*Resolution 6th* In all cases where claims are held by a company working jointly they shall not be required to work in more than one place but when held by individuals each several claim must be worked.

*Resolution 7th* Whenever a claim has been abandoned and such can be clearly proven before the Justice of the Peace where such file was made, said claim shall be forfeited to the person or persons establishing such proofs—

*Resolution 8th.* That these rules, regulations and proceedings be signed by the President and Secretary of this meeting and filed in the Justice's office at Drytown.

T. J. LAWTON *Pres.*

WM SALTER JR. *Sec'y.*

### MARIPOSA COUNTY.—MARIPOSA MINING DISTRICT.

#### LOCAL LAWS.—MARIPOSA QUARTZ COVENTION.

A convention of Quartz Miners convened pursuant to public call in the town of Quartzburg, County of Mariposa, on the 25th June, 1851. The meeting being called to order, on motion, Col. Thorn was unanimously chosen President of the meeting, and J. T. Temple, Secretary.

On motion, a committee of seven was appointed to draft a preamble and resolutions for the consideration of the meeting.

The chair appointed the following gentlemen as that committee: Col. Kyle, Maj. Burney, Maj. Gaines, Judge Lansing, Messrs Thurmond, jr., F. Johnson and J. T. Temple.

The committee after retiring for some time, made by their chairman, Maj. Burney, the following report:

Whereas, We deem the protection of the Quartz Mining interest in the County of Mariposa essential to the peace of said county, And whereas, certain definite and fixed rules are requisite to the protection of said interest and the maintenance of the peace and harmony of the county; therefore,

That all quartz veins now owned and occupied in the county of Mariposa, or which may hereafter be discovered or claimed, shall be governed by the following rules, to wit: The interest of a party making a discovery in quartz shall be five hundred feet in length, and the entire width of the vein, be that more or less. The interest of all persons claiming subsequently to the discovery shall be two hundred and fifty feet in length, and the entire width of the vein.

*Resolved,* That every vein of quartz now discovered, or which may be discovered, shall be recorded the County Clerk's Office defining the location, and clearly describing the boundaries of each claim. Every vein of quartz now owned or claimed must be recorded as above specified within thirty days from the first day of July next; and all subsequent discoveries and claims, within thirty days from said discovery or claim.

*Resolved,* That any person making a discovery of a quartz vein, shall in some clear and distinct manner, in some prominent place, mark his name & the date of the discovery; and further, that every owner of an interest in a quartz vein shall have said interest represented either personally, or by agent and said interest shall be worked in good faith within six months from the date of the record in the County Clerk's office.

*Resolved,* That all lands adjoining the veins and necessary for the successful operations in mining, as for tunneling, running a ditch, etc, shall be considered as the property of the party owning the vein, or that part of the vein, for the successful working of which said land is important.

*Resolved,* That we consider all rights claimed in quartz veins, subject to the debts of the claimants or owners, as absolutely as any other property.

*Resolved,* That all conflicting interests may be settled by a board of seven referees, who shall be disinterested, and their decision shall be final. The parties defeated shall pay the expenses of the referees while adjusting their conflicting interests.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing resolutions shall not be so construed as in any manner to affect injuriously or in any way impair the sales or transfers of interests heretofore made of quartz veins in this county.

*Resolved,* That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Stockton, San Francisco, and Sacramento papers, and that a copy be furnished to our Senators & Representatives in Congress.

*Resolved,* That for the full and faithful maintenance of these rules and regulations in our County of Mariposa, we sacredly pledge our honors and our lives.

JOHN T. TEMPLE, *Sec'y.*

THOMAS THORN, *President.*

Filed July 16, 1851, and recorded at request of Thomas Thorn, esq.

EDWD. C. BELL,  
*Clerk Mariposa Coy.*

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

*County of Mariposa ss:*

I, Angevine Reynolds, clerk in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the Quartzburg Mining Laws, of Mariposa County, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this — day of — A. D. 18—

*County Clerk.*