Quartz Mining Laws
Of Sierra County.

[At a meeting of the quartz miners of Sierra County, held at Downieville on the 6th day of June, 1859, pursuant to a published call for the same. Wm. Illingworth was elected Chairman and Alfred Helm, Secretary. On motion of E. Irwin, a Committee of three was appointed by the Chair to draft by-laws for the regulation of the quartz interests of this County. The Chair appointed Lewis Reynolds, Monroe Thompson and Alfred Helm said Committee, with instructions to make their report at 7 o'clock, r. m., at which time the meeting was called to order, and the following by-laws were presented and unanimously adopted:]

Art. 1. A claim on any quartz ledge in this County may have a length of two hundred feet along the same, and a width of two hundred and fifty feet at right angles with the ledge, on each side of the same, to include all quartz found within the above mentioned limits.

Art. 2. Any person discovering a gold bearing ledge, not previously located, shall be entitled to two claims, being one claim for discovery.

Art. 3. No person but a discoverer shall be entitled to hold more than one claim, by location, in a company.

Art. 4. No one but an American citizen, or a foreigner, who has and exhibits his foreign miner's tax receipt, shall be allowed to hold a claim by location on any quartz ledge in this County.

Art. 5. It shall be necessary for claimants to post a notice on some conspicuous place on the claims located, setting forth the number of feet claimed, and from what point, upon which thereof names of the locators shall appear in full. Said notice shall hold good for ten days, at the expiration of which time a copy of said notice shall be placed upon the records of this County. The notice and record as above shall hold said claims, without further improvements, from and after the first day of November until the first day of May following, if recorded after said first day of November. But upon all claims located between the first day of May and the first day of November following, labor to the amount of eight dollars per claim shall be expended toward the prospecting or developing the same in each thirty days after such location.

Art. 6. To hold quartz claims for the first twelve months after location, it shall be required of each claimant to expend at least one hundred dollars upon each claim of two hundred feet, in such improvements as may be required in the development of the same.

Art. 7. Quartz claims which have been duly located, in accordance with the foregoing rules and regulations, persons are entitled to hold, without limit as to number, by afterwards conforming to the requirements set forth in these by-laws.

Art. 8. All quartz claims in this county, heretofore located, upon which no permanent improvements have been made, will be declared forfeited within thirty days after the publication of these by-laws, unless the notice of location is renewed and recorded, if not already upon the records of the County, and labor expended upon the same in accordance with the foregoing regulations for holding quartz claims.