

## *President Brundage's Manifesto*

*At a meeting of the citizens of Rough and Ready, for due and just cause assembled, the following Preamble and Resolutions have been adopted:*

*Whereas: When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a people to unite in a common cause for the protection and benefit of all; when, they are at the mercy of soulless and mercenary speculators; when, it becomes necessary to adopt desperate means to combat desperate conditions, we deem it necessary to establish an independent republic to be styled "The Great Republic of Rough and Ready."*

*A decent respect for the opinion of the world, induces us to give a catalogue of our grievance in order to show the justice of our cause.*

### *Therefore, We Declare:*

*That in consequence of the inability of Rough and Ready to deal peacefully in a manner befitting so great and able a people as of Rough and Ready as to the unscrupulous practices of those not of us; that because of the will of God and the flood-gates of Heaven, we are reduced to the state of seeing our property taken over; that merely as a township within a Sovereign Territory of California, we may only raise our voices in protest at the sharp practices of those taking advantage of our peaceful citizenry.*

### *Therefore:*

*We unite in a common cause, and thus be it Resolved: That appealing to the high heavens for the justice of Cause, and God's will to perpetuity. We the people of the Township of Rough and Ready, within the aforementioned Sovereign Territory of California, and the United States of America, deem it necessary and prudential to withdraw from said territory and from the United States of America to form peacefully, if we can, forcibly, if we must, The Great Republic of Rough and Ready.*

*Adopted this seventh day of April, in the year of the Lord, 1850.*

*Attest: Hans L. Roberts, Justice of the Peace*

*Attest: Clerk*

*(Signed)*

*Committee of Resolutions*

*Emanuel Smith*

*E. W. Roberts*

*Abner Cook*

*Lucius Pomeroy*

*J. M. Welling*