

# TENNESSEE CONFERENCE. )

FRANKLIN, NOV. 9, 1830. )

Whereas certain resolutions have been entered into by our late missionaries in the Cherokee nation, in which the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is called on for a public and official expression of their sentiments on the subject of the grievances of said nation. We do hereby give the following :

Resolved, 1. That whatever may be our private views and sentiments as men, and as free citizens, relative to the sufferings and privations, either of the aboriginal nations of our country, or of any particular section of the United States, or of the policy adopted and pursued by the state authorities or general government; yet as a *body of Christian ministers*, we do not feel at liberty, nor are we disposed to depart from the principle uniformly maintained by the members and ministers of our church, in *carefully refraining from all such interference with political affairs*.

Resolved, 2. That however we may appreciate the purity of motive and intention by which our missionary brethren were actuated, yet we regret that they should have committed themselves and us, so far as to render it impossible for us to omit, with propriety, to notice their proceedings in this public manner.

Resolved, 3. That while we have confidence in the wisdom and integrity of our rulers, we sincerely sympathize with our Cherokee brethren in their present afflictions, and assure them of our unabating zeal for the conversion and salvation of their souls.

Resolved, 4. That as the resolutions referred to have been published in the public prints, the above resolutions be forwarded also, by our secretary, for publication in the Cherokee Phoenix, and the Christian Advocate and Journal.

I certify the foregoing resolutions to be a correct transcript from the journals of conference. **THOMAS L. DOUGLASS, Sec.**