

DRACONIC LAW OF GEORGIA.—The Georgia Legislature has just *perpetrated* one of the extreme acts of Sovereignty. It has decreed, that all white men among the Cherokees, including, of course, the Missionaries, shall quit the country, swear allegiance to Georgia, or suffer four years imprisonment. Georgia is again quarrelling with the Constitution of the United States, which declares, Sec. 2, Art. 4, "the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States."

A letter from one of the principle Cherokee Missionaries is now before us, in which he says, "Our taking the prescribed oath is entirely out of the question. What we shall do in regard to removal, depends on the directions of the Prudential Committee (of the Foreign Missionary Society.) If they leave it to our choice, I, for one, intend to remain, and await the consequences. I do not very strongly expect that we shall be prosecuted, but if we are, I shall not be surprised. What then? Do you think the Supreme Court of the United States has not authority enough to procure our rescue in less than four years? If not, the imprisonment of a few individuals for four years will be but a small evil in comparison with what will befall the Cherokee people, and still less compared with what it seems must be the inevitable consequence to the U. States. May the Almighty preserve our country."—*Wash. Chron.*