

*Superior Court—Western Circuit.*—At the last term of this Court for Gwinnett county, James Swinney was convicted of the crime of arson, and sentenced to be executed on the first Friday in May next. He was first tried for horse stealing, and acquitted; and afterwards for setting fire to the jail where he was confined.

At the same term, four of the Missionaries resident among the Cherokee Indians, were arraigned for refusing to comply with the required oath of obedience to our laws. Two of them were bound over to appear at the next Court, to answer to the charge; the other two were released, on the ground that they held offices under the General Government.

At the last term for Hall county, Zachariah Gaines was convicted of the murder of a Mr. Deaton, his uncle, and sentenced to be executed. The death of the deceased was occasioned by a single blow inflicted on the head with a large billet of wood, and occurred in a few hours after it was received. The trial of Colonel Nelson, &c. was deferred until the next term of the Court. The excitement against the Guard, though still strong, is thought to be gradually subsiding.