

We are glad to see that our neighbor of the Christian Repertory, has thought proper to say a few words relative to the recent arrest of the Missionaries in the Cherokee country. Much abuse and censure has been cast upon our State authorities for this act; but this shows how far it has been just, and how much, or rather how little cause the Missionaries had for the course they have pursued. Coming as this article does, from a Religious paper, it ought to put to silence the unholy cantings and croakings of uninformed or mistaken zealots, who have raised such a hue and cry against us:—*Macon Messenger*.

*“The Missionaries Arrested.”*—[“Under this article some remarks have been offered to the public, apparently as much to question the humanity of our laws, as to increase the unfriendly feeling of our Indian neighbors. Much is said and much more will doubtless be said on a subject which seems to have elicited many painful feelings; but the “*unrighteous features of the Act*,” for the violation of which the “*arrest*” was made are yet to be exhibited. The constituted authorities of the state have certainly the right, and are bound by moral obligations, to enact and enforce such laws within the chartered limits of its jurisdiction, as shall effectually secure our citizens from the “*mock trials*” and inhuman brutal treatment which some of them have received at the hands of the Cherokees—and if Christianity will justify a preference for the “*Savage Code*,” and its boasted declaration of Independence, it cannot sustain the propriety of a voluntary subjection of its votaries, to the penalties of a law, which regards as its chief object, the suppression of crimes at which humanity must blush. The “*conscientious scruples*” which the “*oath*” is said to have imposed upon its subjects, may be ascertained by a reference to its letter, viz: “*I, A, B, do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will support and defend the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia, and uprightly demean myself as a citizen thereof.*”

*“Render unto Cesar the things which are Cesar’s, and unto God the things which are God’s, is a precept which all men are required to obey.”*]