

The Governor has addressed the following letters to two of the missionaries residing among the Cherokees in Georgia; one of whom, Mr. WORCESTER, was recently removed from the office of Post Master at New Echota.—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Milledgeville, 16th May, 1831. }

SIR,—Sufficient evidence has been obtained from the Government of the United States to convince the courts of this State that the Missionaries employed among the Cherokees by the American Board of Foreign Missions are not its Agents, and therefore not exempted from the operation of the law forbidding white persons to reside among the Cherokees without licence. In continuing so to reside you must have known that you were acting in violation of the laws of the State. The mistaken decision of the Superior Court upon this subject in the late case determined in Gwinnet County, has enabled you for a time to persist in your opposition to the humane policy which the General Government has adopted for the civilization of the Indians, and in your efforts to prevent their submission to the laws of Georgia. However criminal your conduct in this respect may have been, I am still desirous that you should have an opportunity of avoiding the punishment which will certainly follow the continuance of your present residence. You are therefore advised to quit it with as little delay as possible. Col. Sanford, the Commander of the Guard, will be directed to cause to deliver to you this letter, and to enforce the laws if you should persist in your disobedience.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

GEORGE R. GILMER.

Rev. John Thompson.

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SIR,—It is a part of my official duty to cause all white persons residing within the territory of the State occupied by the Cherokees, to be removed therefrom, who refuse to take the oath to support the constitution and laws of the State. Information has been received of your continued residence within that territory without complying with the requisites of the law, and of your claim to be exempted from its operations on account of your holding the office of Post Master at New Echota.

You have no doubt been informed of your dismissal from that office. That you may be under no mistake as to this matter, you are also informed that the Government of the United States does not recognize as its Agents the missionaries acting under the direction of the American Board of Foreign Missions.—Whatever may have been your conduct in opposing the humane policy of the General Government, or exciting the Indians to oppose the jurisdiction of the State, I am still desirous of giving you and all others similarly situated, an opportunity of avoiding the punishment which will certainly follow your further residence within the State contrary to its laws. You are therefore advised to remove from the territory of Georgia occupied by the Cherokees. Col. Sanford, the Commander of the Guard, will be requested to have this letter delivered to you, and to delay your arrest until you shall have had an opportunity of leaving the State.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

GEORGE R. GILMER.

Rev. Samuel Worcester.