

CHEROKEE MISSIONARIES.—If the following extract gives correct information, and the Editors of the Journal of Commerce state that it comes from a very respectable source, another outrage has been committed in Georgia which even we were not prepared to expect.

Extract of a letter, dated AUGUSTA, Sept. 23.—Eight intruders on the Indian land, and three missionaries, have been sent to the Penitentiary for four years for refusing to take the oath of allegiance. I met them on the road, tied and under guard, on their way to prison.

An act by which the citizens of other states sojourning in any particular state may be punished as for a felony, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance to that state, is so grossly and manifestly unconstitutional, that we presume the missionaries would be discharged on habeas corpus even by a Georgia State Judge. Not that it would release them from duress; since we have already seen that the Governor nullifies the decision of Judge Clayton, in relation to the law making it a felony to dig for gold. A Judge of the United States Court can grant relief to the Missionaries, in the premises, nominally; but the presumption is, that the National Executive would lend no aid in the execution of the order. Gen Jackson is a practical nullifier, and has been one from the beginning.