

Lawrenceville, April 7th, 1832.

Messrs. Editors,—Believing that the circumstances connected with the confinement of the Missionaries in the Penitentiary, are used with a view to injure the cause of Presbyterianism in Georgia; I feel it my duty to state, (without expressing any opinion on the propriety or impropriety of the course pursued by the Missionaries,) that they are not under the control, nor subject to the discipline of any Presbyterian tribunal in this State. It is therefore illiberal and unjust to censure any denomination for the acts of those, over whom they have no control. Presbyterians here, as they do elsewhere, differ in opinion on this subject, and this difference of opinion is not alone confined to Presbyterians.

If an excuse should be thought necessary for this publication, I will state one fact. A short time since, a collection was taken up in our church, (Presbyterian) as is common in all our churches every spring, to assist in defraying the expenses of our delegates from this Presbytery to the General Assembly in Philadelphia; this sum was forwarded by me to Presbytery last week, and on my return home, to my astonishment, I learned that a report was in circulation, that this money was to be forwarded by the Presbytery to the North, to pay the counsel of the Cherokees and Missionaries. Such misrepresentations might be excused, had not the object been distinctly stated at the time the collection was made. But the author will answer to God and his own conscience. Yours, &c.

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P. S. The Missionaries are attached to a Presbytery in Tennessee. T. W. A.