

Hence every encouragement was held out to promote this speculation, and the money of the citizens of Georgia, as well as the Indians was employed in it. I deny the position, however, that it is to the interest of the State to obtain the country, and have an Indian population forever fixed upon it. How did the Indian question stand before the Nation last winter? What gave rise to the strong and spirited, nay solemn and awful admonitions of Judge Clayton to Congress this spring on the subject of the New York Indian memorial? Are we yet to learn that the Indian question has long since been identified with that system of oppression, which has been maturing in the North and East for years, and is now so fearfully extending its baleful influence to the West, by which the southern and middle States are to be made tributary to them? A moment's consideration upon these questions, is sufficient to satisfy us, that if the Indians persist in remaining where they are, and will not remove *en mass*, that it behoves us to be very careful how the present appropriation is disposed of, lest when it is gone we may not be able to get another. It appeared to me therefore to be the true interest of Georgia, that the funds now under the control of our Patriotic Chief Magistrate for the removal of the southern Indians, should be most carefully and frugally disposed of, with a view to effect the removal of the greatest possible number of those unhappily situated people. This view of the subject was fortified in my mind by the