

## THE TASSELS CASE.

The Whig papers of Georgia, for want, we suppose, of better charges, are busily engaged in misrepresenting Judge McDonald's views upon the subject of State jurisdiction, and have raked up a part of the proceedings of our Legislature upon the Tassels case, to prove their assertions. How they can reconcile their course on this question, in view of all the facts, to the dictates of candor and fair dealing, we are at a loss to conceive; for they must know that the true reason of his voting against the resolutions, was because he conceived, we think justly too, that legislative interference was unnecessary. An article in another column from the Standard of Union, fully explains this matter, and shows the injustice, and illiberality of the Whig press. Tassels had been tried and convicted in one of our Superior courts, and sentenced to be hung. He was in the custody of the proper officer, who was bound by his oath of office to execute the law; and no resolution of the Legislature could strengthen his obligations to obey his oath and the law. In ordinary times any interference of this kind would be considered ridiculous; and it was only the great excitement which prevailed, that could excuse the Legislature for taking up the subject at all.— Judge McDonald, in voting to leave the court to discharge its duty unmolested, only showed a cooler head than the majority possessed on that occasion, and thereby illustrated his capacity to direct the affairs of the State, in a cool, deliberate and circumspect manner. We think his vote on this occasion, were the reasons known, would be considered one of the strongest arguments in favor of his election to the Chief Magistracy of the State.