

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.—*Atticus* is not easily forgotten by the people of Georgia. The more shapes he assumes before them, the less is he calculated to win their confidence. It is evident that Judge Clayton is determined to retain office, if possible—for after having courted the Lumpkin party—after having been defeated and disgraced by his own friends—after having pledged himself to Judge Schley to support him for Congress—we find him subserviently coming out under the auspices of those who had just reeked their vengeance upon him for daring to oppose the views of Mr. Gilmer. We have been amused at the manner in which his name is announced in the Recorder. It would convey the idea, that the party had determined before the election for Judges, to point out to Judge Clayton what office he ought to hold—and that they put him down as Judge, because they preferred him for Congress. Whether this was designed to gull the credulity of the Judge, or to play off upon the people, we know not. But it is certainly a poor come-off. In the agony of his defeat, *Atticus* may swallow the pill—but we who are at Milledgeville, understand it better.

We call the attention of the people to the following extract from Mr. Gilmer's late message to the Legislature, in direct reference to Judge Clayton's decision.

"An unexpected difficulty has been placed in the way of an efficient protection of the mines, by the decision which has been lately made by the Judge of the Western circuit, that the law, which renders it penal for Indians to dig for gold, is unconstitutional. It having been made the special duty of the Governor, to take possession of the mines, and to defend them from trespass, and having no doubt about the constitutionality of the law, I considered myself compelled to obey its requirements.—Orders were accordingly given to the guard, to arrest all persons who might attempt to dig for gold, leaving it to the judiciary officers to commit or discharge as they might think proper. These orders have as yet prevented intrusions. This will not however continue to be the case, if it should be ascertained that the law may be violated with impunity. *There is also reason to apprehend, that the decision of the court has thrown an almost insuperable obstacle in the way of the efforts, which are now making by the United States, to induce the Cherokees to emigrate.*"

We invite the consideration of our readers to the last sentence of this extract, placed in Italic. Governor Gilmer declares solemnly—"that there is reason to apprehend that the decision of the Court (Judge Clayton) has thrown an almost *insuperable obstacle* in the way of the efforts, which are now making by the United States, to induce the Cherokees to emigrate."

In the face of this strong expression of Gov. Gilmer, the friends of Gov. Gilmer bring Judge Clayton out as a candidate for Congress. Is this their great regard for the rights of Georgia? Do they send men to Congress to throw "*almost insuperable obstacles*" in the way of the emigration of the Cherokees? Do they send men to Congress to deprive Georgia of the benefits of the gold mines? We have always understood, that the great object of Georgia in sending men to Congress, is to give aid and direction and energy to the views of the general Government, in the obtainment of our rights. Send Judge Clayton to Congress, and we send a man who entertains views hostile to one of the most valuable and valued rights of Georgia at the present moment—the protection of the gold mines. Are the people of Georgia prepared for this? We hope not. Are they prepared to throw "*insuperable obstacles*" in the way of the emigration of the Cherokees? We know they are not. Then let Judge Clayton stay at home. He has done mischief enough there already—without going to Washington to do more.