

*Extract of a letter from Lawrenceville (Guinnett Co.)  
to a gentleman in this place.*

Our Superior Court has just closed its session, which has been rendered somewhat interesting, by another decision growing out of the celebrated Missionary case. The mandate of the Supreme Court ordering this Court to reverse its decision in this case, was presented by the Counsel for the Cherokees. The question came up on an application to have this mandate entered on the minutes of the Court; and on application for a Writ of *Habeas corpus*, to bring up the bodies of Worcester and Butler, preparatory to a reversal of the decision, and their discharge. The counsel for the State participated but little in the argument—believing that it was not a debateable question, whether any of the authorities of Georgia would obey the mandate.

“After the close of the argument, Judge Dougherty in his decision, promptly, and fearlessly met the question, by refusing to render any obedience to such authority—and to admit the proceedings or any part of them to soil the Records of the Court. He did not even think proper to reduce his decision to writing—thereby leaving no written evidence that the mandate had ever been presented. This is as it should be, and if, whenever any attempt of the kind is made, to invade our privileges as a State, all the authorities of Georgia will as promptly, and as fearlessly repel it as did Judge Dougherty on this occasion, we have nothing to fear. The crisis we know is an important one, and portends much evil to this Government. If Georgia now continues to act throughout, with that dignified and unyielding determination to maintain at all hazards, all her rights, which has hitherto characterized her movements—I repeat it, we have nothing to fear. If these rights are wrested from her at the Bayonett’s point, (and otherwise it cannot be done) be the consequences at the door of those who make the attempt. Ours will be the proud consolation of knowing that we have done our duty to ourselves and to the Union.

“We shall go on Monday week for the purpose of holding Cherokee Court, to that county. Whether the authorities of the “*Foreign Independent Cherokee Government*” will permit us to hold Court within her “*Chartered Constitutional limits*” unmolested I do not know. All the cases in which the defendants reside in that County, have been transferred there—and we shall make the effort.”