

*The Cherokees and the Journal of Commerce.*—We have ever condemned the undue interference of one state with another, where the subject is wholly a matter of local concern. In politics as in trade, we hold the axiom as one founded on sound economy, "let us alone." One state has no right to interfere with another in her internal regulations. We are each sovereign and independent, and entitled to the sole direction of our own affairs. What excuse have we then for an interference with each other? How can the municipal regulations of New York affect the state of Georgia, and vice versa? And not being affected, why should we trouble ourselves or our neighbors in what does not concern us? In this respect we are happy to say the southern states have been "more sinned against than sinning." They have acted towards their northern brethren with dignity and generosity; while, from the formation of our constitution—yea, even from the declaration of independence, there has been attempt after attempt on the part of the north to interfere in our local polity, and to dictate to and influence our course in affairs which belong wholly to ourselves. Not as government against government—here we hope the harmony of the Union remains unshaken—but by prying, querulous, meddling individuals, who are never so well pleased as when they can find aught, however imaginary, upon which to vent their spleen in other men's business. Knights errant of the true quixotic stamp, who will risk life and