

The decision of the Convention of Judges, on the exception taken in the case of the State against George Tassels, to the extension of the criminal jurisdiction of the State over the Cherokee country, referred to in the subjoined remarks, having been originally published in this paper, enables us to state of our own knowledge, that it was drawn up by Judge Crawford; and we accord in sentiment in reference to this distinguished individual in the following remarks from the Augusta Constitutionalist :

“We understand from undoubted authority, that the decision of the Convention of Judges lately published in this paper, is from the pen of Wm. H. CRAWFORD. If any thing could add to the high reputation of this distinguished Statesman and Jurist; this luminous opinion—marked by thorough investigation and profound thought, and receiving the unanimous sanction of a most respectable Court—would prove to the world the ability and strength of mind of its author. Mr. Crawford has been afflicted but not *prostrated*.—So great was the bounty of nature towards him in the gift of resplendent genius, and so well has he improved this advantage, that he could afford to lose much of his intellectual vigor, and yet remain at an elevation far above the level of ordinary minds. Although his advancement to the Presidency was defeated by very extraordinary circumstances, we are quite sure this venerable man must find more gratification in the “conquering march” of his principles—than he would have derived from mere personal process. It is highly pleasing to know that neither calumny nor disease have been able to quench this “shining light”—that it still burns brightly—scattering the mists of error and prejudice—and revealing TRUTH; while it is a lamp to the paths of those who seek to worship at her shrine.”

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