

The Journal.

What is it but a map of busy life?—Cowper.

MILLEDGEVILLE, DEC. 25.

THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE adjourned on Thursday morning last, after an arduous session of nine weeks and four days. The number of laws passed is 167, a list of which will be found in our columns, together with a synopsis of those most important.

On Wednesday evening the Governor transmitted to both Houses, the subjoined communication, relating to a summons addressed to him in a cover, but directed to "the State of Georgia," admonishing said State to appear on the second Monday in January next, before the Supreme Court of the United States, to answer in the case of an Indian tried at Hall Superior Court, found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hung.

This summons is so extraordinary, that many members of the Legislature, and other citizens, are under the impression that it is spurious. Whether it is so or not, the Legislature have treated the subject seriously and in a becoming manner, as will be seen by the resolutions adopted by both branches.

House of Representatives, Wednesday, December 22.

The following communication was received from the Governor, which, after being read, with the accompanying document, was referred, on motion of Mr. Haynes, to a select committee, composed of Messrs. Haynes, Beall, of Twiggs, Howard of Baldwin, McDonald, and Schley.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
December 22, 1830.

I submit to the legislature, for its consideration, the copy of a communication received this day, purporting to be signed by the Chief Justice of the United States, and to be a citation of the State of Georgia to appear before the Supreme Court, on the second Monday in January next, to answer to that tribunal for having caused a person who had committed murder within the limits of the State, to be tried and convicted therefor.

The object of this mandate is to control the State in the exercise of its ordinary jurisdiction, which in criminal cases, has been vested by the constitution exclusively in its Superior Courts.

So far as concerns the exercise of the power which belongs to the Executive Department, orders received from the Supreme Court, for the purpose of staying, or in any manner interfering with the decisions of the Courts of the State, in the exercise of their constitutional jurisdiction, will be disregarded; and any attempt to enforce such orders will be resisted with whatever force the laws have placed at my command.

If the judicial powers thus attempted to be exercised by the courts of the United States, is submitted to, or sustained, it must eventuate in the utter annihilation of the State governments, or in other consequences not less fatal to the peace and prosperity of our present highly favoured country.

(Signed) GEORGE R. GILMER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ss.

To the State of Georgia, Greeting:

You are hereby cited and admonished to be and appear at a Supreme Court of the United States, to be holden, at Washington, on the second Monday in January next, pursuant to a writ of error, filed in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court of the State of Georgia for Hall county, in the county of Hall, wherein George Tastle, alias George Tassles, alias George Tassel, alias George Tassle, alias George Tassle, is plaintiff in error, and the said State of Georgia is defendant in error, to show cause, if any there be, why judgment rendered against the said George, as in the said writ of error mentioned, should not be corrected, and why speedy justice should not be done to the parties in that behalf.

Witness the honorable JOHN MARSHALL, Chief Justice of the said Supreme Court of the United States, this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1830.

(Signed) J. MARSHALL,
Ch. Just. of the U. S.

The committee to whom the above had been referred, made the following report, which was agreed to by the House, and concurred in by the Senate:

Whereas, it appears by a communication made by his Excellency the Governor to the General Assembly, that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, has sanctioned a writ of error, and cited the State of Georgia, through her Chief Magistrate, to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States, to defend said State against said writ of error, at the instance of one George Tassels, recently convicted in Hall superior court.

And whereas, the right to punish crimes against the peace and good order of this State, in accordance with the existing laws of this State, is an original and a necessary part of sovereignty which the State of Georgia has never parted with.

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, &c. That they view with feelings of deep regret, the interference by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the administration of the criminal laws of this State, and that such an interference is a flagrant violation of her right.

Resolved further. That his Excellency the Governor be, and he and every other officer of this State, is hereby requested and enjoined to disregard any and every mandate and process that has been or shall be served upon him or them, purporting to proceed from the Chief Justice or any associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for the purpose of arresting the execution of any of the criminal laws of this State.

And be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and required, with all the force and means placed at his command, by the constitution and laws of this State, to resist and repel any and every invasion from whatever quarter, upon the administration of the criminal laws of this State.

Resolved, That the State of Georgia will never so far compromise her sovereignty, as an independent State, as to become a party to the case sought to be made before the Supreme Court of the United States by the writ in question.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized, to communicate to the sheriff of Hall county, by express, so much of the foregoing resolutions, and such orders as are necessary to ensure the full execution of the laws, in the case of George Tassels, convicted of murder in Hall County.

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