

“Lawrenceville, September 17, 1831.

“You have heard, before this, of the second arrest of some of our missionaries and others, by the Georgia Guard, and of their delivery over to the civil authority of this state for trial. They have been tried within the last two or three days, found guilty of residing within the chartered limits of the state, in the occupancy of the Cherokees, without taking an oath of allegiance prescribed by the last Legislature, and sentenced by Judge Clayton, to confinement, **AT HARD LABOUR IN THE PENITENTIARY, FOR FOUR YEARS!** Eleven respectable white men to be pent up in a prison, with felons, and the most degraded of human beings, for four years, and not the slightest *crime* alleged against them!”

The names of the eleven missionaries are given. Two of them were in the service of the American Board; and one is a Methodist under the direction of the Tennessee Conference. The rest are respectable white men, who have intermarried with Cherokee women. Their only offence is stated in the extract. Is there, we ask, no relief for such oppression? If not, is it not a vain boast, that we are the freest people in the world? And can we look for the smiles and protection of the great Ruler of the universe, while such things can take place under our government, and without a remedy? We do blush and tremble for our country.