

*City of Washington, 2d March, 1832.*

Contrary to expectation, the Supreme Court has this day determined that the laws of Georgia, exercising jurisdiction over the Cherokee territory, are unconstitutional, and has issued a mandate to Dougherty to reverse the decision of Clayton, and set the Missionaries at liberty. Dougherty, I presume, will disobey the mandate; and if so, a return of it will be made to the Supreme Court, which will take such further steps as the occasion may demand. Before all this can take place, the Presidential election will be over, the bubble will be burst, and the Cherokees will travel quietly over the Mississippi.

"From the signs I see today in the House, and from the monstrous doctrines held forth in the Opinion, (which are no less than the Federal doctrines of '98,) I think the cause of Georgia and Jackson will acquire strength. The powers which the Court has assumed must now be submitted to the strictest scrutiny of public opinion, and they cannot stand the test. The opinion was read by Judge M'Lean—Judge Baldwin alone dissenting, and Johnston being absent."