

Extract from the minutes of the Georgia Association, of Baptist Churches, convened at Fishing Creek, Wilkes county, the 11th October, 1813.

The Committee appointed to prepare an article expressive of our opinions and feelings, relative to the state of our country.—

REPORTED, That however, unusual it may appear for us, as a religious body, to intermeddle with the political concerns of our country, yet at this momentous crisis, when our vital interests are jeopardized, to remain silent would indicate a criminal indifference. We therefore, in this public and solemn manner, take the liberty of saying that we have long viewed with emotions of indignation and horror, the many lawless aggressions committed on the persons, rights and property of the people of the United States, by the arbitrary and corrupt government of Great Britain and its emissaries. And as it has been found necessary to resist such wanton and cruel outrages by opposing force to force ;

Resolved unanimously, That it is the opinion of this association, that the present war against Great Britain and its dependencies is **JUST, NECESSARY, and INDISPENSIBLE.** And as we consider every thing dear to us and our country ; as involved in the issue of the war—We solemnly pledge ourselves to the government of our choice, that we will, by all the means in our power, aid in its prosecution, until it shall be brought to an honorable termination.—

And we would exhort and admonish particularly the churches belonging to our connexion, and brethren and friends in general, to take into consideration the command of our Lord by his Apostle, to be subject to the powers ordained of God over us, and to be jointly united in the common cause of Liberty and Independence—to be examples to all within their reach, in a peaceable and quiet endurance of the afflictions of the present war, and by a promptness to defend their violated rights, when called on to personal service ; and cheerfulness in meeting the accumulated, tho' indispensable expences thereof. In all things shewing themselves the friends of Liberty and Religion, by bringing their energies to bear on the measures of government, thereby the more speedily under God to bring about a happy termination of these calamities, by the restoration of an honorable and lasting peace.

For that purpose, let our united supplications ascend to the *Lord of Hosts*, that he would graciously preside over the councils of our nation—Be our *San* and *Shield*, and cover our Armies and Navy in the day of battle.

AB'N. MARSHALL, Moderator,
JESSE MERCER, Clerk.