

caused him to make in their reports on the Bank enquiry.

The Abbeville (South Carolina) Whig, contains the regular report of the festival given there on the 13th ult. to the Hon. George M'Duffie. Various doctrinal and argumentative answers to invitations are appended to the account. Among them is one from Vice President Calhoun. This—second officer of the General Government, says—

“Feeling, as I do, for the district, the strongest attachment, I rejoice to see her devoted attachment to those great Whig principles, for which she has been distinguished from the commencement of the revolution to the present day. Within that long period, there has been no juncture more important than the present—none in which the liberty and happiness of the country, and of the southern States in particular, were in great peril. As deep as is our interest in a free and unrestricted commerce with all the world, in light taxes, equal burthens, and economy in the public expenditure, even these are insignificant compared with the question really at issue. Disguise it as we may, the real question between this State, or rather the southern States, and the General Government, is a question of liberty or despotism, as much so, as that between the colonies and the mother country, at the commencement of the revolution. The open and direct assault on the rights and sovereignty of the States, is, in fact, an assault on our liberty itself. Take away the reserved rights of the States, and divest them of their sovereignty, and as little freedom would belong to us, as belongs to the subjects of the autocrat of all the Russias; and yet there are many, even among ourselves, who give such a construction to the powers of the General Government, as really would reduce the States to mere corporations, having no more rights than what the Government may choose to concede to them. For such there can be but one apology, that they know not what they do.”

Judge Clayton was invited, and his reply is “full of sound and fury.” He compliments Mr. M'Duffie,—grateful, no doubt, for the figure which that gentleman and Mr. Adams