

From the Athens Gazette of the 3d instant.

The bustle of the Commencement is nearly over. We regret that it is not in our power to give the details in this paper, of the operations connected with the Collegs. These shall be furnished in our next. We have had really a variety of matter presented for the gratification of the curious, and the pen of the critic. Among the budget was the largest collection of citizens for political purposes ever witnessed in this place, at the College Chapel, 4 o'clock P. M. of the Commencement day.

The decided friends to the re-election of Andrew Jackson, on the day previous posted up the following:

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Within a few hours after, there appeared, most unexpectedly; the following notice, posted up as the other was:

Public Meeting.—All persons whatever, who feel interested in the subject, without regard to any party, or present opinions, are requested to attend at the New Chapel, *tomorrow*, August 1st, at 4 o'clock P. M. to freely discuss the oppressive evils of the Tariff and the *Protective System*, and determine upon the proper mode and measure of redress."

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The meeting immediately after assembling, called Judge Crawford to the Chair, when, on motion of Wm. H. Torrence, it was unanimously resolved to appoint a committee to draft resolutions, to be reported instantler. A motion was here made by Judge Clayton to reconsider the motion to appoint said committee, on the ground that he had *already* prepared a view of the matter, which would save time. To this course, the advocates of the whole ground presented in the first above mentioned notice could not assent by reason, first, that it was a departure from established usage on such occasions, and second, because it did not indicate that sense of justice which legitimately appertained to the occasion, it being well understood that the feelings of both the leading parties of the State were equally involved, and that the course proposed was palpably one-sided.—This motion gave rise to considerable discussion. It was advocated by Messrs

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licly expressed. This, however, was very adroitly
resisted by the gentlemen in favor of the reso-
lution of Judge Clayton, by vague appeals to pa-
triotism; to public spirit; and to quaint denuncia-
tion of the principle of mingling party interests
and office honors, with so momentous a question
as the one under consideration. The vote was
then taken on reconsidering and carried by a
small majority, and the resolutions being read by
Mr. Berrian, recommending county meetings for
the appointment of delegates to meet in Milledge-
ville in November next, to determine on the mode
and measure of redress against its oppressions.
General Glascock moved an amendment, or ra-

ther a substitute, in substance that, instead of a State, there should be a Southern Convention for the same purpose. This gave, for a short period, a new impetus to the debate, but a deliberate settlement of the question being precluded by the tumultuous cries of "*the question*," it was put by the Chair and decided in the negative. The question was then put on a resolution for a State Convention, and decided in the affirmative by a considerable majority.

From the manner of getting up a simultaneous meeting by different sets of gentlemen at the same time and place with one recommended in the first handbill; from the prompt and strenuous press of an *exparte* set of resolutions, contrary to usage; from the adroitness with which the pledged friends of Judge Clayton's resolution, evaded an expression of opinion in favor of the election of Jackson; together with many remarks which dropt from them during the debate, the conclusion was left irresistably upon our mind that the friends of the resolution were not only inimical to Gen. Jackson, but that the Protective System has but two fates in prospect, either to brook an interminable chaos of anarchy and discord by *nullification* in the operations of government, or to retreat beyond the Potomac to contemplate the deformed and debilitated fragments of a once beautiful fabric; this *heretofore* cherished offspring of our Revolutionary Fathers.
