

DINNER TO JUDGE CLAYTON.

On Wednesday, July 25th, a public dinner was given in respect to the Hon. A. S. Clayton, of Georgia, at Laurens C. H. By a mere accident this gentleman was detained at Laurens—the stage having upset and injured his lady—and upon the spur of the occasion, the patriotic citizens of that village made preparations for a dinner. But two days notice was given to the people of the district; and notwithstanding the shortness of time, the village was thronged at an early hour on Wednesday morning with persons from all quarters. The number present has been variously estimated from 12 to 1500 citizens.

An excellent dinner was set by Mr. Goss, by far the best we have seen on a like public occasion. After a fervent and patriotic prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lewers, dinner was announced. Several regular toasts were drunk—among the rest the one following.

S. h. *The Hon. A. S. Clayton.*—Our distinguished guest—The able expounder of the Constitution and talented advocate of southern rights; he has successfully exposed the fallacy and oppressiveness of the American system, points us to the remedy, and with zeal and ability maintains the right and the duty of the south to redress her wrongs.

After the long continued applause which succeeded this sentiment had subsided, Judge Clayton arose, and after returning his thanks, proceeded to speak of that subject of most absorbing interest to the south—the tariff. We regret that want of room, this week, renders it impossible to give an abstract of his able speech. Next week we shall attempt to do so, and hope shortly to have it in our power to lay it before the public from the pen of the author. Suffice it now to say—that he clearly showed the late tariff act to be more grievous and oppressive to the south than the bill of '28, at the same time that it gives all the blessings of free trade to the north. In concluding, he said, "You will naturally inquire what is to be done? Submit? certainly not. No freeman will submit to it! I advise, then, the most peaceful remedy, and strange as to some it may seem, I advise **NULLIFICATION!**" He then went on to show the efficacy and the peaceableness of this remedy—in the instances of Georgia nullification, viz. the cases of Chisolm, Tassels, and the Missionaries. But we are debarred of space to run over his grounds. Next week, as nearly as can be recollected, they shall be presented. He concluded with the following toast:

The late Tariff Act.—It is now a plain case—**LIBERTY** or **SUBMISSION!** He that dallies is a Dastard—he that doubts is damned!