

*Messrs. Camal & Ragland*—A short article in the Journal of the 5th inst. may seem to demand a passing notice. A writer under the signature of "Observer," alleges, that certain members of the Legislature "voted for the federal doctrines of usurpation and consolidation." The ground of this allegation is that they were not prepared, upon very short notice, to vote for the report of the committee, upon the citation in the case of Tassels. So far as the House of Representatives are concerned, it may be remembered, that a substitute was offered for the report; and it may be presumed, that the minority voted against the report, not only because they could not be prepared, at a moment's warning, to vote for so strong a paper; but because they thought under the circumstances, that the substitute was pro-

terable. Let us analyze the substitute. It says, the "circumstances" under which the citation came up, "are unfavorable to calm deliberation." Could any one doubt this! No one who knows the disorder which prevails near the close of a session, could doubt it: No one who remembers that the report came up about 8 or 9 o'clock the last night of the session, when there was a bare quorum present, can doubt it. Is there any "federal usurpation," any "consolidation," in the position quoted? None, certainly none.

But the minority say, "they have confidence in the intelligence of the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Government of this State, into whose cognizance the case of Tassels will more immediately come." "Is there, in this position, any thing of "federal usurpation" or of "consolidation"? Surely not.

The minority conclude, however, "that the action of the General Assembly is unnecessary at the present time [22d Dec. 1831,] in the case of George Tassels aforesaid": and in this is "the head and front of their offending." But will not this conclusion naturally follow from their premises already noticed, and from the facts, that Judge Clayton and Governor Gilmer, in whom the minority had "confidence," had both declared their determination to disregard improper interference with the decisions of our courts, and Gov. Gilmer had declared his determination to resist such interference. Where then is the "federal usurpation," where the "consolidation" contained in the substitute? They are not to be found.

"If it be said Gov. Gilmer wished more power; I answer, the report of the committee gives him little if any additional power.

Some are under the impression, that the person murdered by Tassels, was a white man. I apprehend this is a mistake. I have been under the constant impression that the person murdered was an Indian.

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