

In an article from Judge CLAYTON, of Georgia, which, in justice to the Direction of the Branch Bank in this city, we copied into our paper, a few days ago, there were, as the reader will remember, some very severe and personal reflections on the editor of the Georgia Courier. Averse to giving currency to personalities from any source, we were on the point of expunging the passage, but concluded that the Judge might complain of injustice if we mutilated his article, and therefore gave it entire. The editor of the Courier has replied to the Judge at considerable length, and in no degree below him in vituperation. We give an extract from the reply, to acquit ourselves of unfairness to either party, and with that shall take leave of the controversy. It is addressed to Judge Clayton, and is as follows :

“Those who read your slanders abroad, may imagine you as worthy as the titles you bear ought always to imply. At home we are both known—which of us most advantageously, in the relations of either private or public life, that public to whom I appeal against your falsehood and malevolence, shall judge. Do not suppose, sir, that I intend to enter the lists with you as a Billingsgate writer. You commenced your apprenticeship too early for me. You cannot fail to remember, when in the years of your boyhood, in your conflicts with the country wags, your comrades invariably fled from the field, if they happened to find a wagoner, black or white, who could out-blackguard Smith Clayton. I envy not such distinction. Nor shall I look into your private character. My strictures have been confined entirely to your political principles and public conduct. Your private history I leave to be estimated by your perfidy to Judge Schley, and breach of honor to Colonel Webb, and the general knowledge of the fact, that the only remembered act of your life, that was right, was the one for which you were hurled from the Bench; and even that act did not flow from judicial honesty, but a malicious intention to injure Gov. Gilmer. With these recent well-known episodes in your infamous career, together with your proverbial cowardice, I leave you “with your glory,” believing that you strikingly exemplify the truth, that as cowards, penned, fight the hardest, so cowards at liberty to run on in supposed safety, are much more grandiloquent than any others.”