

Indian Hostilities.—The report had become prevalent, previous to putting our last paper to press, that hostilities against the whites were meditated by the Indians inhabiting within the bounds of the states of Georgia and Alabama, but the measure appeared to us so perfectly mad, even for untutored Indians, that we thought the subject unworthy of notice. Indeed had we referred to it at all, we certainly would have been more prone to treat it with ridicule than sober argument. It appears however, from the following extracts, that the subject is worthy of at least some attention, though we still think it should not command that importance which it does in the eyes of many. Suppose the whole statement ascribed to Mr. Crowell by the Enquirer should be fact, there appears to be no cause of very great alarm. A few of the frontier settlers might possibly fall a sacrifice to the savage tomahawk and rifle before a sufficient force could be collected to act effectively against them, and by which some valuable lives might be lost, but this is the extent of the danger to be apprehended to the state. The Indians could make no resistance against a disciplined force, accustomed, as many of our citizen soldiers are, to their own mode of warfare. Their handful of warriors would at once be exterminated, or driven to their swamps and fastnesses to perish of hunger. But—while we admit that secret councils may have been held, and resistance talked of—we cannot but believe that the account has been much exaggerated, even after making all the corrections which are subjoined from the Telegraph. We do not believe that any thing more than a defensive war, on what they conceive to be their own soil and birth-right, could ever have been meditated by the grave and sapient among them. And possibly even here we may be admitting too much. Perhaps, after all, when the whole truth comes out, the matter may be found to turn upon some speculation of the interested whites or their own wiley chiefs; by the one the more easily to obtain some valuable tracts of land, or by the other to obtain a premium for their non-resistance. We annex the article which first set these reports afloat, taken from the Columbus Enquirer, and subjoin the corrections made by the Macon Telegraph:

Indian Affairs.—Much alarm has been excited in this place by some recent movements of a hostile character among the Indians. Several secret Councils have been held in the Creek Nation, with a view, it is believed, of concerting warlike operations against the frontier settlements. In consequence of the general apprehension of danger, some of our citizens on Wednesday last visited the Creek Agent at Fort Mitchell, for the purpose of obtaining whatever information he might possess in relation to the anticipated difficulties. The following is the information which he afforded. The statement is furnished us by one of the gentlemen who held the conversation with him.

“The Agent stated that there had been several secret councils held by the chiefs; that he had been informed that the Indians in these councils, had resolved to stay and die upon their soil; that they had also resolved to kill him, the agent, and wage a war of extermination upon the frontiers, and assassinate every white west of the Flint River; and when troops should be sent to fight them they would retire to the swamps and die to a man, fighting for the soil of their fathers. The Agent, not putting sufficient confidence in these reports, felt no alarm, until an old, respectable chief, in