

**THE SECRET MISSION**—About three weeks ago, an extraordinary paragraph appeared under the editorial head of the *Constitutionalist*. It contained the following secret history. Immediately after the adjournment of the minority convention in Milledgeville, some of its leading members, (among whom Clayton and Moore of Oglethorpe were particularly named,) dispatched one of their body to Columbia, S. C. with instructions to urge the nullifiers of that State immediately to nullify, as the best means of exciting the people of Georgia, and drawing them to her support. The respectable editor of that paper invited those who were best acquainted with the facts, to correct him, if he were in error; but he affirmed, that he had very strong reason for believing the statement to be true, and declared himself ready to exhibit the proofs of its correctness, should it be contradicted. About a fortnight ago, we republished the paragraph from the *Constitutionalist*.

The Carolina convention did in fact immediately proceed to pass that ordinance, which has been reprobated and deplored by every man in or out of that state, who was not himself a nullifier, and which has opened the eyes of many nullifiers, to the falsehood, guilt, and danger of their scheme.

As yet we have heard no response from the persons implicated: and the subject, we believe, has not been touched by the papers friendly to those individuals, and to their course of policy. Why this ominous silence? Is the extraordinary statement, no less true than extraordinary? The persons accused labour under a responsibility sufficiently heavy, without the addition of this grave charge; and if the statement is not true, it ought to be contradicted by those who must know it to be false. They need not be told, that continued silence on their part will be adjudged a confession of their guilt.