

The Georgia Journal and Judge Clayton.

The editor of the Journal must take another peep at the proceedings of Congress. His *glasses* or something else, have led him into a sad mistake with regard to the result of Judge Clayton's late movement in that body, on the subject of the President's message, and our relations with France. He would leave the impression on the minds of his readers, that the Judge's amendment to the resolution of Mr. Conner, "referring so much of the message as relates to the political relations of the United States with foreign relations, to the committee on foreign affairs," was adopted. This was not the fact. The Judge's amendment which proposed that the committee be *instructed*, &c. was after considerable debate withdrawn by that gentleman, not because the gentleman (Col. R. M. Johnson) had "reasoned" with him on the subject, but he had "flattered" him. Yes, agreeably to his own showing, the *blarney* of Col. Johnson effected that, which his *reasoning* could not accomplish; through its potent influence, the Hon. Gentleman from Georgia, was driven from a "position which he would be proud to occupy if left in a minority of one!" Lest our readers may be incredulous on this subject, we give below that part of Col. Johnson's speech which operated so magically upon the *stern* and *unbending* integrity of the Georgia Statesman: In conclusion Col. Johnson observed;

"He could not consent to vote for the instructions proposed, and yet he disliked to vote against the proposition of the worthy member from Georgia, towards whom he entertained the most kindly feelings. He had uttered the most patriotic sentiments and was actuated by the most honorable motives. The gentleman had thrown out a most excellent speech, which would go to balance the effect of the President's Message. But the gentleman had not examined the subject in *extenso*. He (Mr. Johnson) would therefore, add his appeal to that which had already been made by the worthy member from Virginia (Mr. Archer,) that he would consent to withdraw his motion. He had listened to the excellent speech of this member with the greatest pleasure: and he always did listen to him, whenever his multiplied occupations would at all permit, with the greatest interest and satisfaction. The gentleman could not but be aware that the instructions, should they be adopted, though they might bind the committee, would not bind the House. He trusted they would be withdrawn.

Mr. Clayton remarked, that the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. Johnson) had flattered him, instead of reasoning with him. He would, therefore, withdraw his amendment."

The "French War" is evidently to be the *new hobby* of Judge Clayton. And as he is determined to have a new one every winter, we are pleased to find him mounting this one at so early a period of the session. If he had not done so, some heavier rider would have occupied the saddle, and the Judge's innocent and amusing seats of equestrian *flip flaps* and *soineraets*, would have been lost to the lovers of flash and frolic for a whole season.