

Some of our modern politicians have, however, discovered, within the last few years, that the good old way of electing our president is wrong—fundamentally wrong. The honor of this discovery, I am glad to say, belongs to no one but Martin Van Buren. This gentleman, dexterously using the advantage given him by his *new Jackson coat*, and of his rejection as minister by the senate of the United States, conjured up a Baltimore Convention, and put his tools in motion. Judge Clayton was made generalissimo in Georgia; and other similar worthies obeyed their master's command in other States. The result was, that just before the last Presidential election, this miserable *humbug*, called a Convention, had its *solemn* meeting, and after all *due reflection, and a great deal of deliberation*, nominated the Hon. Martin Van Buren for Vice President! On this occasion, what did the Union people of Georgia do? Did they sanction the contemptible farce? Not so. True in the support of their uniform creed, they denounced the whole affair as the work of a "packed jury," and that the verdict was of course corrupt. They voted for P. P. Barbour, and although defeated, they yet preserved their honor and their principles.