

ALMOST A DINNER!!

We learn from the last "Southern Whig" that a Committee was appointed here during the Commencement week for the purpose of offering a dinner to the Grand Duke of Pendleton. His Grace says he would have accepted if he had not promised not to do so, but was compelled by that promise to decline the proffered compliment. He gave the Committee a letter instead, to comfort them, in which he tells them that the portion of the deposit bill distributing the surplus revenue, "will be regarded in history as marking the termination of that long vibration of our system towards consolidation, which lately threatened the overthrow of our institutions and the loss of our liberty, and the commencement of its return to its true confederative character as it came from the hands of its founders." If he will inform us how he makes all this out, we will agree to give him *two dinners*, and besides, will say nothing bad about him the next time he comes over to regulate the politics of Georgia. If he will show us upon what principle getting into debt makes either an individual or a State independent, we will not even criticise his grammar, as our friend Flournoy has done on the present occasion. To our plain understanding it appears that if Georgia owe the General Government a million of dollars, she is not quite so independent of her as though she owe nothing; and it would seem to us that our pecuniary obligation to her would even tend somewhat towards consolidation; but in this age of nullification humbuggery, black is made white and white black. His Grace has said it, and it would be heretical to doubt.

But we must be permitted to doubt the authority upon which the Committee acted.—They inform His Grace that they are "the organ of the citizens of Athens and its vicinity." Who compose this Committee? Seven persons—one of whom resides in Lexington, another in Columbus, and all full blooded nullifiers. Quite modest, truly, to take upon themselves to represent a town and vicinity where a *majority* are Union men! Very modest, indeed! We should like to know who appointed this committee of nullifiers to represent the wishes and feelings of the Union men?

The editor of the Whig also informs us that "the civilities of the town" were tendered to him in form. This we suppose to be equivalent to what we hear of in large places about "tendering the freedom of the City" to distinguished characters. But such things are usually done by the corporate authorities. Did the Town Commissioners act in this case? Let us know if you please, Mr. Editor. If not, by whose authority was the power usurped? Such flummery—such degrading man-worship, ought to be exposed to the ridicule of the world.