

TRIBUTE TO MERIT.

ATHENS, August 17, 1842.

The citizens of Athens in testimony of their high esteem for the private character of their illustrious fellow citizen **WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD**, and to afford a suitable demonstration of gratitude for his arduous public services, connected with a desire to offer an open memorial of their continued and increased confidence in his political integrity, gave to that distinguished personage on yesterday, a public Dinner, of which he and a number of his fellow-citizens participated in a temper of the most cordial friendship, and in a spirit of the most convivial harmony. The Hon. Nicholas Ware, assisted by Judge Clayton, presided on the occasion, and to give to the entertainment that interest which the usual oblation of sentiment produces, the following was offered.

1. Our Country—We have yet to learn that the globe contains a better.

2. May the powerful impulse, which public opinion is shortly to undergo, in relation to the next President, result in the lasting and permanent good of the whole nation, let the choice fall upon whom it may.

3. May the energies of government, aided by the resources of art, be directed to the increase and improvement of all those objects of usefulness reared upon, or found beneath, the surface of the earth.

4. May our moral exertions not be confined to external nature, but reaching to the intellectual domain, produce not only an advancement of general science, but particularly that which refers to the rational and social condition of man.

5. Thomas Jefferson—The re-incorporation of his principles, so purely republican, into the body of our government, "is a consummation devoutly to be wished."

6. Principles and not men—the motto of every good citizen, and the creed of every honest politician.

7. No honest political character can object to a scrutiny of his conduct—but the inquisition though deep, should be dispassionate, and whilst free from selfish or personal views, have exclusively for its aim the general welfare.

8. The United States—May all attempts at either sectional or political division, acquire neither length of acquiescence or strength of influence, but be resisted with unceremonious contempt.

9. The State of Georgia—May she never be so ambitious as to wish to dictate, nor yet so humble as to avoid the honorable rivalry of ingenuous competition.

10. The University of Georgia—The consistency given to public opinion in relation to this institution, is evincive of this truth, that there is no prejudice however subtle, and no persecution however severe, that will not yield to the force of moral illumination.

VOLUNTEERS.

By the President—A virtuous and independent administration, the cement that binds together the several parts of our government, and gives health and vigour to the constitution.

By the Vice-President—In the exercise of legitimate power by the people, there is nothing too abstruse for their investigation, or too high for their understandings, for government to be right must be level to their capacities.

By Mr. Crawford—The memory of General Jett Thomas—his gallantry in action was not less conspicuous than his integrity as a citizen.

(Mr. Crawford having retired)—Our enlightened guest William H. Crawford—whatever may be the hopes to the contrary, the world may be assured, he has not lost the attachment & confidence of his own state.

By John A. Jones, Esq.—Persecution sometimes urged as a qualification for office, never, where merit is.

By Maj. Abraham Walker—Gen. Jackson—The distinguished hero of New-Orleans.

By Mr. Alfred V. Scott—Individual virtue, the only basis of national greatness.

By Dr. Meriwether—The memory of Abraham Baldwin, the father of the literary institution of Georgia.

By Mr. John R. Golding—Sincere friends, honorable enemies.

By Mr. Shaw—The Militia of Georgia, knowledge in officers, and bravery in men.

By Col. John A. Cobb—Prosperity to the manufactures of the United States, without the aid of protecting duties.

By Mr. John Rutherford—The electors of President and Vice-President, may their wise & prudent discrimination, be equaled only by their virtuous intention.

By Mr. Charles Dougherty—Georgia, may she ever be mindful of her sons.

By Mr. Stevens Thomas—Equal laws and free commerce.

By Mr. Joseph Ligon—The next congressional election—May it result in the choice of men of independence, talents and integrity.

By Dr. Hall, (of Philadelphia)—The sun of Science—Rapidly approaching its zenith in the United States, may its glory never be obscured by the clouds of prejudice.

By Mr. Mortimer Wallis—May Georgia furnish the next President.

By Major Thomas Mitchell—The memory of Major General James Jackson.

The President having retired—By Mr. Golding—Our President, Col. Ware, his frank, honorable, and independent course, well entitle him to a re-election to the Senate of the United States.

The Vice-President having retired—By Mr. A. V. Scott—Our Vice-President, Judge Clayton, his judicial department, at all times characterized by knowledge, energy, and decision, deserves the approbation and reward of his fellow-citizens.