Should the nullifiers succeed in their views of separation, and the Union be in consequence dissolved, as is highly probable, the following will be an appropriate epitaph.

(Anticipation.)

Disunited States, January 1, 1834.

EPITAPH.

HERE,

To the ineffable joy of the Despots, and Friends of Despotism,
throughout the world,
and the universal distress and mortification
OF THE FRIENDS OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS,
LIE THE SHATTERED REMAINS
of the noblest fabric of Government, ever devised by man,
The Constitution of the United States.

The fatal result of its dissolution was chiefly produced,
by the unceasing efforts of some of the most highly gifted men in the U.S.
whose labours, for a series of years have had this sinister tendency,
by the most exaggerated statements of the distress
and sufferings of South Carolina,
(unjustly ascribed to the tariffs of duties on imports)
which, whatever they are, arose from the blighting, blasting, withering
effects of SLAVERY;
together with the depreciation of the great Staple of the State,
THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF OVER-PRODUCTION:
caused, in a great degree, by
the depression of the Manufactures of the country, in 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820 & 1821, for want
of the protection of the government,
WITHHELD BY THE Miserable Tariff of 1816:
which overspread the land
with distress, and wretchedness, and bankruptcy;
and produced in three years more decay and ruin of national prosperity,
than a war of equal duration would have done.
It reduced the value of real estate in Pennsylvania in that space of time
100,00,00 of dollars,
and in all the grain-growing states probably $300,000,000.
It drove thousands and tens of thousands of Manufacturers to farming;
and thus, by the conversion of customers into rivals,
DEPRESSED AND RUINED A LARGE PORTION OF THE FARMERS,
who “were driven to seek, in the uncultivated forests of the west, that shelter of which they were deprived in their native states.”
Numbers of those depressed farmers
devoted themselves to the culture of Cotton;
hence the production so far outran consumption, that our export of uplands,
which in 1819 was only 80,508,270 lbs.
rose in 1823 to 161,586,582 lbs. and in 1827 to 279,169,217.