

## How is it!

The Secretary of the Treasury, sends to Judge Clayton, a list of Banks, none south of Washington, the notes of which if not smaller than 50 dollars, will be received at the approaching Land Sales, at Columbus, in Mississippi. The Selma Free Press, after giving some pretty strong reasons, says,

*"We are therefore, clear in the opinion that nothing is intended by this new regulation but to extend farther and more ample facilities to purchasers; and if our construction be correct, it will certainly be of importance to some purchasers."*

And then adds the following from the Montgomery Advertiser.

*"We believe that not only the bills of the Bank of the United States will be received for lands purchased at these sales, but likewise those of the Deposit Banks in Mississippi and Alabama. We have lately conversed with a gentleman closely connected with the Land Department, who fully concurs with us in opinion, and further assures us that the Secretary in enumerating certain Banks as affording a proper currency, could only have been to give persons at a distance a fair opportunity of procuring suitable funds."*

This seems reasonable, but still if such was the fact, how easy would it have been for the Secretary just to have said so! This uncertainty is the worst of all possible states.