

FOR THE PALLADIUM.
To Mechanics, Farmers, and all other labor-
ing men of Indiana.

The same motive which induced me on a former occasion to present the blunt unpolished effusions of my pen, to your consideration, fellow-citizens, prompts me again to appear before you. And here let me declare, that it is not my desire by any observation I have made, or shall make, to create a feeling in your bosoms unworthy of you, as orderly, discreet citizens, firm friends and supporters of the government and its laws. While the present powers govern, it is our duty as republicans to respect them, and, in their own language, "judge them by their actions;" leaving out of view, for the time being, our strifes. No, fellow citizens, mine, I hope, shall be a more rational part; one which, while it shall carry with it moderation, will expose the fallacy of certain doctrines, directly, as I believe, at variance with your interests, and subversive of republican principles.

It was my earnest hope that those busy creatures who are always ready to add fuel to the flame, would have let the feasted in the choice of president, as the presidential election pass as an affair on which you had generally made up an opinion, not to be shaken by the cry of time; and there is reason to fear that "danger," raised on the eve of the election by brawling enthusiasts; but "An ambitious man found in our country to produce such an event, that they themselves may be mounted on the ladder of political pernament. Sanction this doctrine, and candidates instead of looking to the pure fountain of power—the people—for appointment, will set their engines to work upon congress, where the sphere of operation being limited, will give greater promise of success than upon the people, whom it would be impossible to corrupt by bribes and promises.

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of the white population in his favor than upon certain and safe grounds, and to either of the other three candidates; Mr. Crawford with 41, and Mr. Clay with 37 votes, had a greater proportion of slave or negro votes than Jackson with his 99, representing over two millions of free white inhabitants.

Farmer says there is no "law" requiring congress to ratify an election made by the people, and that no such election ever came before congress. I did not say congress was bound by "law" to elect Jackson, he having the highest vote. But I did say, and now repeat it, that congress ought to have acted more on republican principles, and in voting, should not have set up individual opinions in opposition to that of their constituents, whom they were pledged in good faith to fairly represent. But more of this—I like to hear Farmer on the representative system. He goes on the broad administration and kingly doctrine, that congress "can do no wrong," or at least so near it, as to say when the people fail, by reason of the number of candidates, to choose a president, that congress is not bound to pay any regard to their wishes, but elect whom they think best. I never can subscribe to such doctrine; and I have more confidence in the unbending republicanism of you, with your interests, and subversive of republican principles.

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upon certain and safe grounds, and to state nothing I am unable to prove to a demonstration.

I have already stated to you that Jackson had a larger amount of the people's suffrages than Mr. Adams; now I will endeavor to show you that congress did not act justly and fairly by rejecting Gen. Jackson and appointing Mr. Adams. Jackson came into congress with 99 electoral votes, and was the first choice of eleven states, to wit: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama and Indiana. He was also the second choice of Georgia, Ohio, Missouri and Kentucky, which, added, make fifteen—as may easily be seen by the vote he got in those states. In Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, nine western states, he had 68,000 of the people's votes and Adams only 21,000; yet the representatives of only 4 of these states voted for General Jackson in congress, to wit: Indiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee; those from the other five voted for Mr. Adams, in direct opposition to the will of those they pretended to represent. It is very easy to see from this statement that although Mr. Adams was constitutionally elected, it was in violation of the spirit of that sacred instrument, and for this reason, if none other, ought to be opposed. His re-election I would look upon as dangerous to the country, not because of the man, but because of the principle it would virtually sanction.

It must astonish every reflecting mind to see how some men argue in the face of reason and common sense. Farmer would, if his persuasive powers were equal to its accomplishment, make one believe that the people having failed to elect a President, as the constitution prescribes, the election goes into congress unenumbered, or as if the people had never expressed themselves on the subject. If this be good doctrine, why has the constitution required that the choice shall be made from the three having the highest vote before the people? Why not leave congress at liberty to choose whom they please? The reason is obvious, and must at once silence those who contend that the people's voice should have no influence in that body. Let me examine Farmer a little more. At the last presidential election Jackson got the vote of the people of Indiana, and when the election came before congress, her representatives voted unanimously for him, notwithstanding he was not then individually the choice of them all—some of them preferred Mr. Adams. How would Farmer have voted had he been a member on this occasion, and been called to give his vote? would he have dared to disobey his constituents by voting for Mr. Adams? I think not. Then why any longer argue that the people's voice ought not to be heard in an election by congress? The constitution never contemplated, by transferring the election to congress, to take the power out of the hands of the people; their supremacy is tacitly acknowledged in every line of that sacred charter. It was found inconvenient to gather the people together a second time, and therefore the power was given to congress to choose for them; taking care in this selection to combine the popular will. I nor, however, give shall it have any effect to his prejudice; but it is expected that he will not attempt to influence the votes of others, nor take any part in the business of electioneering, that being deemed inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution and his duties to it.

Farmer concludes his address with an extract from the writing of some itching, meddling politician of the South, which he unhesitatingly dubs the production of a Jacksonian; and takes no little pleasure in telling that they are the cause of the excitement in the South. This is another shallow scheme to impose upon you fellow citizens. Farmer knows very well that it is a few brawling, hot-headed men who occasion all the disturbance in the South,—some of whom are Adamsites,—and that the great body of the people are opposed to such disorderly conduct. All this Farmer knows, yet he endeavors, by exhibiting to your view a distorted picture, to make you believe the South is rising up in arms and about to destroy the Union.

Farmer and the coalition are welcome to all the advantage they can reap from the Southern excitement, the Morgan or Anti-Masonic excitement, the story of the Six Militia men, the Burr Conspiracy, the Negro story, the Coffin hand-bills, the Blue book, and every other fabrication against Jackson. They will all vanish as thin air before the sun of reason, or as mist from the crystal water at the advance of day. Toss them all into the scale and let Justice weigh them by the following of the many standards that might be adduced to show their want of solidity:

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My reference to him was only intended to keep in remembrance that he once was president, and that under his sanction two or three laws of noted memory were enacted—the *Alien and Sedition* laws for instance. He also attempts to explain the reason why Messrs. Adams, Clay, Southard, T. B. Porter &c., members of the cabinet, are and have been absent from Washington, travelling through the country. The reasons he offers are any but the true ones. He had better not said any thing about their farms in Kentucky, Massachusetts &c., as the people cannot be gulled in this manner into a belief that Mr. Clay would come all the way to Kentucky, in the warmest season of the year, merely to see his farm, and that too, if report be true, at a time when it was expected that he would soon occupy a lot that might be covered by a 2 by 7 feet slab.

The truth of the business is, Mr. Clay visited the west on an electioneering tour, and I doubt not but that he made all he could by the journey. Mr. Adams and Mr. Southard &c. were out on the same business, whatever cloak they may have worn to avoid detection—Farmer's assertion to the contrary notwithstanding. These men, who are daily drawing from the public coffers large sums, work or play, are not to be questioned for attending elections where their influence may sway the result. (Would Farmer let his overseer go electioneering one week after another without making a deduction in his wages? I guess not.) But Senators Van Buren and Benton are to be charged enough to make up for all time lost—but not for the cash. Farmer charges them with travelling where they are not known; with establishing printing offices, and several other equally monstrous acts, highly derogatory to their characters, in his views. But the bait won't take. The people can be diverted in this way. They will still enquire who attends to the affairs of the nation in the absence of these two great functionaries, Adams and Clay, (and that too since the latter part of June last,) and whether it is right that they should be paid such exorbitantly high wages as 16 and 70 dollars a day for doing nothing—worse than nothing. This was not the manner of Thomas Jefferson done your business: he staid at home himself, and enjoined an observance of his example upon others. Read the following circular to the heads of departments, written while he was president, and then draw the parallel between him and John Q. Adams.

"CIRCULAR.

"The President of the U. S. has seen with dissatisfaction officers of the General Government taking on various occasions active parts in elections of the public functionaries, whether of the general or of the state governments. Freedom of elections being essential to the mutual independence of governments, and of the different branches of the same government so vitally cherished by most of our constitutions, it is deemed improper for officers depending on the Executive of the Union to attempt to controul or influence the free exercise of the elective right. This I am instructed therefore to notify to all officers within my department holding their appointments under the authority of the President directly, and to desire them to notify to all subordinate to them. The right of any officer to give his vote at elections as a qualified citizen is not meant to be restrained, but it is expected that he will not attempt to influence the votes of others, nor take any part in the business of electioneering, that being deemed inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution and his duties to it."

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Mr. Clay, which, in this case, are worth something:

Mr. Adams says, "Gen. Jackson justly enjoys in an eminent degree the public favor; and of his worth, talents, and services, no one entertaining a higher or more respectful opinion than myself."

"Toward that distinguished captain, (Jackson) who shed so much glory on our country, whose renown constitutes so great a portion of its moral property, I never had, I never can have, any other feelings than those of the most profound respect and the utmost kindness."

HENRY CLAY.

If these proofs do not incline the beam a little in favor of the Tennessee Farmer, I shall begin to think there is something in politics opposed to the principles of gravitation, and directly at variance with Newtonian philosophy.

A MECHANIC.

Axful Calamity.—We have been favored with the following extract of a letter from a gentleman in Hartford, to his friend in this city, dated Sunday morning, Sept. 7, 1828:

"You doubtless know something of our freshet, but the half has not been told. It is now nearly at the highest, though still swelling a little. It is a melancholy spectacle. Probably no calamity so general has occurred since the settlement of the country bordering on this valley. It is sickening to behold our rich meadows, only on Monday last literally groaning with the greatest crop ever known, now covered over as far as the eye can reach, like one great sea. Not a vestige of land can be seen on the Wethersfield road east. The long East bridge, next to East Hartford, on the meadow, was expected to go off. The trussels were raised, and the water is up to the floor. Several live oxen floated by yesterday—one pair yoked. Several are now standing on the highest part of South meadow, their backs just out of water. A red fox and a gray rabbit, probably visitors from Vermont, were caught just east of Morgan's bridge. The timber prepared and laid for guard lock at Enfield Falls went by two days since; all the embankment under water leaving not even a ripple. The water is 24 feet above water mark. It is superfluous to say, that all the crops on the meadows are destroyed, for a hundred or more miles up the country. Farmington Canal is injured in several places, we hear, and the culvert partly gone, but your losses are a flea-bite to ours." The same writer states that the losses and damages cannot be estimated at less than 500,000 dollars.—*Herald.*

Newspaper Thieves.—On Thursday last, William Wood, alias John Scott, was convicted, before Mr. Justice Orne, of taking, without leave, divers and sundry copies of the *Boston Statesman*. It appeared that he was prompted to this act by strong desire—viz. a desire to learn the current news of the morning, and a very ardent desire to procure a glass of gin bitters, for which beverage Mr. W. has frequently manifested a decided partiality. Mr. Justice Orne, declared that in his opinion, the liberty which Mr. Wood had taken should be mulcted in the sum of five dollars and costs of prosecution. William Wood, alias John Scott, not being able to pay the cost, and thus purchase for himself the freedom of this goodly city, was provided with very uncomfortable quarters, ("My lodging's on cold ground") in that large stone edifice, situate in and upon Leverette street, so called, to which he was very politely conducted by Mr. Constable Reed.—[*Boston Statesman*].

Africa.—The British vessels on the coast continue to make many captures of slaving vessels, Dutch and Spanish. A tender of the Sybille frigate had had a hard fight with a Spanish vessel, of much superior force, but succeeded in capturing her. A French slaver, to aid in her escape from a French cruiser, threw sixty-five slaves overboard! A Spanish schooner of only sixty tons had 221 slaves stowed away in her hold, 30 speedily died and many of the rest were not expected to live. It is thought a good voyage if not more than twenty out of an hundred are murdered—but sometimes the rascals kill off one-half—or fifty out of an hundred; and this by professing Christians, or persons countenanced in a Christian land.

Apology.—A volatile young man was introduced to a gentleman by his father for the gentleman's patronage. The youth's observations not having the solidity of sixty about them; he was objected to. "Aye," said the old man, "the boy, Sir, is like a pot of good beer; though there