

1824, for the purpose of forming a county ticket, and choosing Congressional and Senatorial conferees, present the following

ADDRESS.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—Having been chosen to discharge high and important trusts, the performance of which we have endeavored conscientiously to fulfil, we now deem it both expedient and decorous, to present to our constituents and to the public, a succinct and lucid development of the principles upon which we have acted, and of the interests which we have endeavored to support and maintain.

After a happy and prosperous trial of thirty-five years, under our grand and beautiful national compact, we find ourselves arrived at a new and perilous crisis in the experience of our Federal Government.

Pennsylvania forever firm and faithful to the principles upon which this great republic was founded, and reposing in peace upon the virtues and energies of her citizens, has within the last year found herself suddenly called upon to stand forth arbitress of a strife which taking its rise at the seat of the national government, has spread far and wide over the land, and was alike dangerous to the honor, and the happiness of the country.

Abuses and corruptions in governments never correct themselves, but go on continually increasing and multiplying until the government itself is destroyed, or the people arise in their strength and abolish the evil. It had become the current opinion at Washington, that no man could or ought to be made President of the United States, who had not previously been initiated into the mysteries of government, by a tour of service in the cabinet of the President, and so firm had this conviction become, that the great officers who fill the chief departments in the government, began to regard themselves as rival hereditary chiefs, and each one began to imagine, that he had but to remove his brothers, to secure to himself the undisturbed possession of the splendid inheritance of the Presidents house, and for two years past, the same spirit has entered the highest council of the nation, and the supreme legislative hall has presented a scene of fierce contention, of bold maneuver and artful management, scarcely less furious than the famous sessions of the ancient Polish Diet, where a thousand noblemen met in arms and debated with drawn swords, upon the election of a King from among themselves. To redress this long evil, to interpose between the haughty usurpers of the metropolis, and the honor of the country, to arrest the further progress of this bad principle, which bid fair like a morbid excrescence to become attached to the constitution itself required a vigor, and independence and an energy which was only to be found in Pennsylvania, whose citizens were not prepared to acknowledge the soundness of the rule that the road to the Presidency was only open the four individuals who may happen to possess art or interest sufficient to become one of the secretaries of the Executive power.

In selecting a citizen from the walks of private life, to fill the highest of all stations, the choice was neither difficult nor dubious. Our eyes were at once turned upon "ANDREW JACKSON" and the people of Pennsylvania, by a simultaneous rising expressed their preference to the man of Orleans, over all his rivals. Our sister states animated by our example, have one after another declared their determination to support the national ticket composed of Andrew Jackson and John C. Calhoun, until there is no longer any doubt of the final success of our candidates, and of the triumph of the people over intrigues, and the patronage of office. But let us fellow citizens imagine that the contest is over, or that the enemies of Jackson and Calhoun have abandoned the field entirely, although there are but few amongst ourselves, who hastily avow their hostility to the name of Jackson, yet it is known that even in Pennsylvania, there is a well disciplined corps who are indefatigable in their exertions, and opposition to our favorite and several of our sister states have avowed their determination to support one or another of the candidates who found their pretensions upon the honor of having been appointed to and discharged lucrative and distinguished offices.

We must yet expect to encounter much opposition in elevating Andrew Jackson to the Presidency, nor should we imagine that his enemies will cease to persecute him after his election.

Under these circumstances it behooves the people of Mifflin county, in choosing members of the State Legislature, to elect none but the steady and inflexible friends of our future President Andrew Jackson, as it is of the deepest concern that our state and national governments, should act in harmony and concert. Nor is it of

less vital interest that the representatives of Pennsylvania in the national councils, should be distinguished for their adherence to the man of our choice, as well as for the virtue talents and capacity, so indispensable in the character of a representative, and without which he can neither be useful to his country or honorable to his constituents or to himself. Actuated by these motives, we have placed on the county ticket the names of gentlemen, who are the tried friends of Andrew Jackson and John C. Calhoun, and whose integrity of character entitle them to our highest respect and confidence. And we have appointed as conferees citizens whose political fidelity for many years affords the best proof that they will not betray their trust at this time, and whose early and unequivocal support of Jackson and Calhoun entitle them to our highest confidence.—Governed by these views we trust the nominations which we have this day made will meet the approbation of all true republicans, and friends of Andrew Jackson. The men whom we have put in nomination are and always have been decided democratic republicans, truly attached to the principles of the constitution of the national and state government. If we have failed in satisfying all we hope and trust, that no dissatisfaction as to the nominations at this time will be adhered to by any one of the firm friends of the "HERO OF ORLEANS" or it is utterly impossible, if local prejudices are taken into consideration, as has been the case in this county at elections, that every republican in the county can be pleased, but let all give way to feelings of this kind, for the public good, the permanent support of the republican party, and of Andrew Jackson.

THE PATRIOT



"Not for himself but for his country."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28.

Owing to this being the week of the Court, and the attention of the editor being unavoidably directed to other business, some of our subscribers may not, perhaps, receive their paper as early as usual.

Camp Meeting.

A Camp Meeting of the Methodist Society will be held in the neighborhood of Mr. Roland Curtin's Furnace, in Baldeagle Valley in this county, on Thursday the 2nd day of September next. We have been authorised by the Society to state, that well-disposed and religious persons of all denominations, who may think proper to attend, will be accommodated as well as ill-disposed and disorderly persons who may come there, for the purpose of disturbing the Congregation, are informed that the laws of this Commonwealth, enacted for the purpose of securing to every society the right of worshipping God in the manner they may think best, will be rigorously enforced. We hope, however, for the honor of the county, that there will be no persons found in it who will act so disgracefully.

The editor of the Juniata Gazette, the valiant Major "Dickson of Dundee," has published what we conceive to be a *palpable and wilful falsehood*, respecting the communication signed "A true Jacksonite." He says we "declined publishing it for reasons best known to ourselves," intending thereby to make it appear that we had declined publishing it, without giving our reasons, in order to suppress the truth. Now to convince the good people of Mifflin county, how ready this "apology for a man" is to strain a point when he fancies he can gain any thing by it, we will re-publish the article which appeared in our paper, acknowledging the receipt of the "True Jacksonite" which he has so disingenuously attempted to falsify:

"We received a communication this week for publication, signed "A True Huntingdon county, on the 3d day of which appeared in our last, signed "A Democrat of the Jackson School," but the author, for reasons best known to himself, not thinking proper to entrust us with his name, we cannot, therefore insert it. We wish it to be understood, that every person, without re-

gard to party, can have access to the columns of the Patriot, provided they confine themselves to moderate language, and their names accompany the communication; but not otherwise."

The facts attending this circumstance are these: A gentleman of Bellefonte called upon us and requested that we would insert a communication which had been sent to him for this purpose, but did not give us the name of the author. We promptly returned it, and, at the same time, told him that our rule was, *not to publish any communication unless we knew the author's name*; and that nothing would induce us to deviate from it. In a few days afterwards, he called and assured us that he would willingly surrender the author's name at any time; upon which we determined to insert it, and it was done accordingly.

We will thank Mr. MARTENS, editor of the American Republican, to republish this article in his paper.

On Tuesday evening last, the Democratic Republicans of Centre county, held a meeting in the County Court House, which, for respectability of character and number, has been rarely surpassed. The proceedings we give in this week's paper.

In order to meet the conferees from the remainder of the congressional district, it was necessary that the meeting should appoint those from these counties, and not defer it until the meeting of the county delegates, which would necessarily be after the day appointed by the Huntingdon county conferees.

So far as relates to the gentleman whom our conferees are instructed to support, we believe he will, if nominated, receive the undivided support of the democrats of this county, and, if we are rightly informed, throughout the district. There is a reason for the nomination of Mr. MITCHELL, or some other democrat from this county, beyond the objections made to Mr. Brown. It will be recollected that Huntingdon has had the member for a great number of years, and so sensible are our brethren of Huntingdon of this, that they yield their claims to Centre and Mifflin. Now, as to Mifflin, it has given us a representative for a number of years in the persons of Mr. M'Clay and Mr. Brown. In fact, Centre was but once honored in the election of Mr. Burnside, & that gentleman served but one session. Upon the whole, Centre is in justice, entitled to the representative at this time; and we think the democrats of Centre have been very patient in waiting as long as they have done.

By this day's paper it will be seen that the old Revolutionary Hero and Companion of Washington, the MARQUIS LA FAYETTE, has arrived in this country. Previous to his landing at New York, an immense number of people assembled on shore to hail the old veteran, and return him the thanks of a grateful nation. On meeting with some of his old companions he ran into their arms & embraced them.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING. Pursuant to public notice a numerous and respectable meeting of the Democratic Republican party of Centre county, was held at the court house in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Tuesday the 24th instant. After the meeting was organized, Col. WILLIAM SMYTH was called to the chair, and PATRICK CAMBRIDGE, Esq. appointed secretary.

The object for which the meeting was convened, having been made known, it was, on motion, Resolved, That JAMES DUNCAN and JAMES M. PETRIKIN, be, and they are hereby appointed, conferees, to represent the county of Centre, at the house of Alexander Ennis, in Stone Valley, on the 3d day of September next, to meet the conferees appointed by the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin, to fix on a suitable candidate for Congress, to be supported by the democratic republicans of this Congressional District.

Resolved, That the conferees appointed by our democratic brethren of

Mifflin, be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to attend at the house of Alexander Ennis, in Stone Valley, on the 3d day of September next, to consult with their democratic brethren, on a proper selection of a congressional candidate.

Resolved, That the conferees from this district, are hereby instructed to support JOHN MITCHELL, Esq. of Centre county, as a suitable person to represent this congressional district, in the Congress of the United States.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Democratic electors of the several townships in the counties of Centre and Clearfield, to elect delegates, at the place of holding their township elections on Saturday the 11th day of September next, to meet at the court house, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Saturday the 18th, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to fix on a general ticket for the said counties to be supported by the democratic republicans at the ensuing general election.

Resolved, That the Borough of Bellefonte, and the several townships, send the same number of delegates that they respectively sent last year to form the county ticket.

Resolved, That whereas the Democratic Republican party of Centre county have never yet fully expressed their sentiments, relative to the Presidential question, and that no doubt may be entertained as to the REPUBLICANISM of the CENTRE, therefore

Resolved, That we have the most implicit confidence in the intelligence, genuine patriotism, and integrity of the Hero of two wars General ANDREW JACKSON, as President of the United States; and that we entertain the most unbounded confidence in the talents, republicanism, and integrity of JOHN C. CALHOUN, as Vice President of the United States.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and secretary, and published in the Bellefonte Patriot, American Republican, Juniata Gazette, and Huntingdon Advocate.

WILLIAM SMYTH, Chm. P. CAMBRIDGE, Sec'y.

FOR THE PATRIOT.

In your last paper a person signing himself "A True Jacksonite," has boldly pronounced my statement, relative to John Brown's conduct respecting the removal of the Earlysburg Post Office, "lies frae end to end." This insolent and unbecoming language is always used by men who have no regard to truth themselves. Such arguments shall always remain unanswered by me. Lest, however, any wrong impressions should be produced by the misstatements of this gentleman, I will give the people a copy of a letter from the Post Master General to Mr. Longwell, which a friend handed me a few days since, and which he assured me was word for word with the original in the hands of Mr. Longwell, who will shew it to any gentleman who has the least doubt upon the subject.

General Post Office Department, 16th January 1824.

SIR, "The subject of the removal of your Office has been investigated, and at the recommendation and request of the REPRESENTATIVE of your DISTRICT in Congress, the site will be changed to the Turnpike Road, which is said to be about a mile from its present location. Please to inform me by return mail, whether you can keep it at that place, and if so you will remove to it as early as practicable."

Yours Respectfully, JOHN M'LEAN, P. M. G.

Walter Longwell, Esq. P. M. Earlysburg, Pa.

I now only ask the reader to take up the assertions of the "True Jacksonite" and compare them with the above, and reconcile the two if he can. In fact Mr. M'Lean's letter contradicts the "True Jacksonite" in every important particular. He pretends to be acquainted with the facts, and in his very outstare shews that he is wilfully ignorant of them. He says that Mr. Brown "did not know that the people of Pennsylvania wished the Office removed." No indeed. In this he is right. The people wished no such thing; and, by the bye, he speaks with such precision as to Mr. Brown's knowledge, that I am almost led to think I am answering the gentleman himself.

He also says, that the first information Mr. Brown had that a removal was contemplated, was from the Post Master General himself, who "had received a remonstrance against it." Now this is manifestly untrue. The fact is no remonstrance was ever sent directly to the Post Master General. They were all directed to Mr. Brown, and this Mr. Brown well knows. Commencing at the sentence I have noticed; embracing all that is said about Mr. Brown's request to the Post Master General to write to Mr. Longwell; and ending at the call upon me for proof, is all flatly contradicted by the Post Master General's letter which I have now published. Indeed I have sifted this whole communication, and cannot find a solitary truth! Truly it is "lies frae end to end." It would occupy more space than you can spare, perhaps, or I would hold this contemptible quibbler up to public contempt, as he deserves.

I cannot refrain from noticing one of his paragraphs; and that is the one relating to the mailing of the Bellefonte letters at the Earlysburg Post Office. He says that Mr. Brown did not know that the Demo-

crats of Bellefonte were compelled to mail all the letters, during the last campaign, at Earlysburg which they wished to carry safe, and that he (the writer) does not believe that such was the fact. This is adding insult to injury. Now 'Trowbridge' asserts that it is a fact, and that John Brown knew it; his own 'round assertion' to the contrary notwithstanding. It is a fact known to every Democrat in Centre county, especially to Mr. Longwell the Post-master, John Mitchell, John Rankin, Patrick Cambridge, the three Petrikin's, and several others. I well recollect meeting Samuel Fleck, of Bellefonte, on his return one morning, who had carried some letters over the night previous. I think he told me he had not reached Earlysburg until midnight.

But this 'round assertion' of the 'True Jacksonite' convinces me of one thing, which I will notice.—Either the 'True Jacksonite' is not a Democrat, or if he is one, that he does not reside in Centre county; for there is no Democrat in the county that is not well acquainted with the situation in which his brethren of Bellefonte were placed, during the last electioneering campaign.

You may perhaps hear from me again shortly.

A DEMOCRAT OF THE JACKSON SCHOOL.

MIFFLIN COUNTY MEETING.

At an unusually large and respectable meeting of the Democratic Republicans of the county of Mifflin, friendly to the election of ANDREW JACKSON for the Presidency, and JOHN C. CALHOUN for the Vice Presidency of the United States, held at the Court house in the borough of Lewistown, on Wednesday evening the 18th inst. in pursuance of a general invitation in HANDBILLS, to all the Republicans of the county.

On motion, Joseph Kyle, Esq. was chosen Chairman, and Gen. David Milliken, and Col. Absalom B. Selheimer were appointed Secretaries. Whereupon the following resolutions were offered and agreed to with scarcely a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That this meeting view with dissatisfaction and regret, the attempt made by the Editor of the Juniata Gazette, to divide the Democratic Republicans of the county, by the partial call which has been made in his yesterday's paper, excluding all those Republicans, friendly to the late nominations, from participating in a general county meeting at the court house this evening.

Resolved, That when ever any political matter is to be transacted in a county meeting, that due and timely notice ought always to be given of the time and place of such meeting.

Resolved, That the gentlemen put in nomination at the house of Joseph M'Crum, in the Long Narrows, on Saturday the 7th of August inst. to be supported at the ensuing election for the offices of the county, are men deserving the confidence of the Republicans and friends of General JACKSON in Mifflin county. And as no sound objections can be raised against either, their moral or political character, we deem it our duty to give our most hearty and unqualified support to the nominations made on that day.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the nomination of President and Vice President, as made by the Harrisburg Convention, on the 4th of March last, and that we will support ANDREW JACKSON for President, and JOHN C. CALHOUN for Vice President of the United States; and recommend them to the support of all true Republicans and friends to their country.

Resolved, That this meeting view with high disapprobation the conduct of a few men, who on the call of a General County Meeting, for the transaction of the political business of the county, retire to a private place—and publish them to the world as the Democratic party of the county of Mifflin—when in fact, all true Democrats were excluded from the same.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the conduct of the Jacksonian Committee of Correspondence, in calling township meetings, at the time and in the manner, in which they were called.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of six persons be appointed, with power to call county and township meetings when they shall think proper, for the ensuing year. Whereupon Patrick M'Kennon, Esq. Joshua Beale, Dr. David Crawford, William Shaw, Esq. James Milliken, Esq. and David Reynolds, Esq. were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting, be signed by the Chairman, and Secretaries, and published in the American Republican, Bellefonte Patriot, and Huntingdon Advocate.

JOSEPH KYLE, Chm'n. Attest. DAVID MILLIKEN, Sec'y. A. B. SELHEIMER, Sec'y.

FROM THE COLUMBIAN OBSERVER, AUGUST 18.

LA FAYETTE IN NEW YORK. To gratify curiosity, as to the manner of reception given to LA FAYETTE, by the people, we extract the following from the New York Nation-