

COMMUNICATIONS.

FOR THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

The Election Campaign of 1842 for the county of Columbia, is one of vital interest to the inhabitants of this county, and not only to the present, but to future generations, as this campaign, in all human probability, will be the means of settling the long agitated question of removal of the seat of Justice of this county, either by obtaining a Removal, or by causing a division of the county. And shall the interests of a majority of the county still continue, to be set at naught, and their humble petitions and petitions, made the subject of contempt, ridicule, calumny, and abuse, and not unfrequently have the inhabitants of this part of the county, been insulted, in the grossest manner, by some of the purse proud aristocracy of Danville, by displaying a few pieces of gold coin, and accompanying the act with the exclamation "you up creek fellows do not know how to bore for the removal; you have not got enough of the yellow boys, the real, Benton mint drops, these can do more at Harrisburg than all the petitions you can bring forward." Now, I ask, what is this but adding insult to injury? And how often has it been the case that, when a farmer at the distance of eight or ten miles from Danville, kills and taxes in a veal or poultry, that he may sell the same during the sitting of court, he is told, by the inn keepers and others, we are supplied with all such things by our friends from Rush, and consequently, the farmer must either take a very reduced price for his produce, or else carry it home. In this manner are the inhabitants of this county enriching those of another county, at their own expense. And I ask, can the farmers, mechanic and labourers, any longer submit to be thus insulted, merely to gratify a few of the purse proud aristocracy of Danville? And does not their insolent boasting, that they can do more with their yellow boys at Harrisburg, than the up creekers, (as they call the inhabitants of this part of the county) can do with their petitions, cast a most daring and outrageous insult upon the members of the Legislature of this state? Does not their boasting, in effect say, that with a few dollars they can bribe any member to vote as they wish? Could there be a more daring attack of slander upon the virtue, honesty and intelligence of the Legislators of a state? Is such boasting, not laying the axe with furious blows, at the very tree of liberty, and lost indeed, to all sentiments of virtue and morality must be the individuals who can make such boasting.

And is there an inhabitant of any township, other than those of Mahoning, who the unhallowed course pursued by the aristocracy of Danville? Who does not bear in mind, the base conduct of one of those nabobs, that when a poor man who owed him, had signed a petition for a removal, he immediately sent the constable with a summons? This is not a solitary case. And if necessary the names of such parties can be set forward. And all this has been borne, and borne, until forbearance ceases to be a virtue. The inhabitants of this county can no longer be thus insulted in this high handed manner, by a few of the purse proud aristocracy.

And that political weather cock of the Intelligence, is the present time insulting, at least four fifths of the inhabitants of this county, by his slanderous publications, but it is truly astonishing that any individual knowing the man can believe a single sentence contained in his paper, and false statements. Why, I have at this time, some fourteen volumes of his paper before me. And has he continued more than one volume without a political sermon? Let his own paper decide. At one time he is heard to boast that he can lead the democracy to the polls, and carry all triumphant, but when in a former communication, this thing was hinted at, he was struck with holy horror at such a slander upon the intelligence of the inhabitants of this county.

Do not be frightened felty, I know you just like a book, and know and have heard you boast that you could do what you pleased with the Democracy of the county, & before you attempt to deny your intention of dictating to the inhabitants of this county, just turn back to the commencement of your editorial career, and see how often the voice of dictation has been heard from the columns of your paper, and at this very time are you dictating falsehood, to every reader of your paper. Again look at yourself, forever throwing out some bait to catch applause, you have advocated the holding an election in this congressional district the present year. And for what purpose? That your own dear self might be elected Congressman. But, my dear sir, you cannot gull the people of this district into that measure no more than you can gull the people into the belief that Richard Fruit is the regular democratic candidate for the legislature. And what anxiety do these would be dictators manifest for the welfare of the poor people. How are they riding day and night, and lecturing to the people, and urging the claims of their candidate, as being the regular democratic candidate, and opposed to division, and in favour of a reduction of taxes. In all their schemes and plans, see how they stoop that they may conquer. Falsehood and deception everywhere mark their footsteps, and the

regard which they manifest for the dear people is the same as the regard manifested by the vulture when carrying off the lamb. He covers the lamb with his wings in order that he may devour. And so with the purse proud aristocracy of Danville. They are scouring all parts of the county, making all kinds of false promises, and cover their prey with the wings of hypocrisy only that they may the more effectually rivet the chains of oppression upon their victims and thus make the honest farmer and mechanic become the means though unaware, of fastening the chains of oppression and injustice still tighter upon themselves and children.

Fellow citizens, the contest in this county is not between Daniel Snyder and Richard Fruit, for member of the Legislature but the contest is between justice and equal rights on the one hand, and injustice and oppression on the other. Daniel Snyder is the champion upon whose banner the former motto is inscribed, and Richard Fruit, the champion whose banner bears the latter motto, & now is the time to be enlist. Soon the battle will be fought, not with deathlike weapons that strew the plain with dead and dying, but the weapons will be the glorious ballot a freemans pledge.

Then arouse and prepare for action. Let the friends of justice gird on the armour of vigilance, and the shield of Independence, and stand fourth shoulder to shoulder in the day of battle. Let the memory of your insulted and oppressed parents, now sleeping in their graves, and the insults offered to yourselves and your children, incite you to action. Look back on the contempt that has for years been heaped upon you, by the opposers of your rights. And in view of all these things you are called upon to stand forth and acquit yourselves manfully.

Then, fellow citizens, to the polls on the day appointed, and while the banner of truth and justice waves to the breeze of heaven, there cast your votes for Daniel Snyder, the man who has shown himself honest, intelligent, and independent. The man who has laboured to secure the administration of justice, equal to all his constituents and in thus doing you are honouring the memory of your insulted and oppressed fathers.

Remember, that alighted petitions, and contempt insults and oppression, heaped upon the petitioners, caused great Britain to loose her once submissive colonies, and caused the establishment of the declaration of our Independence, up the constitution of our free government, which secures the right of petition to the higher powers, for the removal of existing grievances. And is not the location of the county buildings at Danville, an unjust and grievous measure. And have not petitions been presented year after year, to the Legislature of this State for a removal of this grievous burden of has borne the burden to the grave, and their children are still bearing the same burthen. The fathers prayed for the removal and their sons have year after year prayed for the removal of the same, though greatly increased, burthen.

Fellow citizens, it is now in your power to speak through the ballot box, in a tone that shall be heard, and language that can be easily understood. And in speaking thus your wrongs shall be righted, and your grievances removed. Arouse you, fellow citizens, your enemies are already in the field, and marshaling their forces. Already you heard the blasts of defiance sent forth by their bugles. Already you heard the thundering of their deep mouthed cannon, and you may already see the leaders of their forces flying from position to position, and endeavouring to seek an ambush, to take you by surprise. Already have they hung out their false colours to allure to their ranks those unacquainted with their modes of warfare. But, be not deceived with their gaudy appearance. The mask of falsehood and hypocrisy has now been thrown aside, and you may see their native ugliness in all its disgusting features. Oppression is their commander in chief. Falshood and detraction are his aids. While hypocrisy and calumny are his generals. And yet they have the daring effrontery to hoist the banner of truth. But see the banner itself, as if conscious of the insult offered to its character, refuses to perform its office, and waves not to the influence of the breeze of heaven, but folds itself together, and leaves space for their broad black banner of iniquity to display its self, with all its characterick deformity. But see the contrast. Here you wave the banner of truth and justice. See how it unfolds its self to the view, while justice hovers near with a balance to weigh your claims. See how she smiles on your efforts, while she casts a frown of indignation upon the ranks of your enemies. Rally then to the standard of truth, and while justice smiles upon your efforts, you must, you will conquer. You shall see the armies of the aliens routed. You shall hear them cry for quarters. But justice will cry, give no quarter. Oppression must be slain. Falshood and detraction must be bound in chains and consigned to the dungeon. Hypocrisy and calumny must be put to the sword. Their banner committed to the flames, thus has justice decreed and this appears to be the set time when justice calls upon you, fellow citizens, to put you shoulder to the wheels. Then prepare for a steady pull, a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and justice will enable you to shout victory, victory,

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TO THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY,

Fellow Citizens:—On Tuesday next, you will be called upon to cast your votes upon a question involving more of interest to the citizens of Columbia county than any question which ever has, or will again be, decided by the citizens of this county. I mean that in the decision of this question, is involved the removal question, and like wise the fate of the county regarding the division project, I resenting then, as it does, those strong points of interest to every citizen of the county, does it not become us, as a community, to examine well the qualifications and claims of both candidates presented to the voters of the county for representative in our next Assembly. Let us coolly and dispassionately contrast the claims each candidate presents to obtain the suffrages of the people of the county. Daniel Snyder, our late representative, as you are all well aware, has invariably been a warm and zealous advocate of the removal question, and as warmly opposed to the division project. As proof of this I would refer you to his course in the legislature last session regarding both questions, and the position he now occupies before the people of the county, nominated by a Democratic removal convention by acclamation, he stakes his election upon his well known advocacy of the removal question. On the other hand, his opponent Richard Fruit offers himself to the people of the county for a seat in the same body. What are his claims upon the people, particularly the removal party. Does he ask their suffrages upon the ground that he is a removal man? I trust you will not be so deceived, as to be induced to trust to the written or verbal professions of one who has given such positive proofs in his course of conduct, that he is wholly and entirely governed by personal aggrandisement. It is true, for some years back, he was to be found in the ranks of the removal party, but when the question was first agitated, after his brother John Fruit, was elected Sheriff of the county, we find him in the ranks of the opposition, and branding those who solicited his name to a petition last winter, with that most insulting epithet, Tories. Thus showing conclusively that his only object in advocating the removal was to secure the election of his brother to the office of sheriff and having done so, he now, by his apostacy, expects to secure a sufficient interest below, with what inroads he can make in the removal interest to secure his own election to office.

Now fellow citizens I would ask you, what confidence can you place in the pledge of such a man? you are well aware that he is the candidate of both the anti removal and division factions and if elected will be bound and will most assuredly be governed by their directions, can you for a moment doubt what those directions will be? Al though I grant that the Danville party do not like the idea of a division, much less do they retain the courts at Danville, but knowing that this is utterly impossible, that nothing but removal or division will quiet the people, they will most assuredly go for the latter, and Richard Fruit if elected will, as a matter of course be governed by their directions. He will use all his influence with the members to secure the passage of the bill, and to fulfil his pledge to the people, will doubtless record his vote against the measure, thereby hoodwinking and blinding the people of the county. But I am much mistaken, fellow citizens, in your intelligence if they succeed by such miserable subterfuge in blinding you as to the true nature of the question at issue, and thereby succeed in saddling upon the county a glorious tax which would be perpetual, for it requires but a limited idea of arithmetic to solve the matter. You are all doubtless aware that the expenses (with the exception of mileage to jurors and witnesses which is a small matter) is about the same in a small as a large county, consequently deprive us of one half of our citizens, and you increase our taxes in the same proportion, but in addition the decision of the people of the county at the polls on Tuesday next settles the removal question in another point of view. It was boldly and confidently claimed by the Danville and Berwick factions, before the legislature at Harrisburg last winter, that Daniel Snyder could not and would not be returned as a member at the next sitting of the legislature, and if they would only postpone acting upon the question until the next meeting of that body that they would make it a question at the election, and that they could and would defeat Daniel Snyder if he was again a candidate. Now fellow citizens, the issue is fairly before you. Daniel Snyder is again a candidate. You have therefore the fate of the removal question in your hands, elect Richard Fruit and the removal question is at rest forever and the division is most assuredly effected, elect Daniel Snyder and the removal is most assuredly effected and the division is for ever at rest. Now fellow citizens, both candidates are fairly before you. I have endeavored very briefly to contrast the claims each one has to your support and confidence, and now choose ye between the two.

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AROUSE, FREEMEN, AROUSE!

To the Polls on Tuesday next! Let no trifling excuse you. Remember the watch word is "SNYDER and REMOVAL." The rallying cry of your opponents will be "FRUIT and DIVISION!" Therefore shake off the lethargy which has so long bound the chains of oppression upon you, and inform your opponents that the day of redemption is at hand. Speak in tones trumpet tongued to your oppressors, that the day of gullibility has gone by. That you know, and knowing, dare to battle for your rights. Remember, that as the contest approaches its close, that vile sheet of defamation, the Danville Intelligence, will team with gross and brutal attacks upon private individuals for the purpose, if possible, of blinding the people as to the true issue at hand. But be not deceived. It is not a matter of private claim, but of public justice.

Be upon your guard for slanderous and lying handbills, which will doubtless be

industriously circulated throughout the whole length and breadth of the county, just on the eve of the election, too late for the friends of removal to expose or contradict. Therefore to the polls, let nothing but sickness prevent, for bear it mind, that if Snyder is defeated it will be for want of energy upon the parts of the friends of removal. Your opponents are sparing no time, money, nor means however vile to accomplish their ends, and if they succeed, the removal is lost and that vile project, the division of little Columbia is fastened upon the citizens. To the polls then one and all and let your war cry be SNYDER for the sake of REMOVAL.

DEMOCRAT.

"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR"

BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1842.

Removal AND No Division.

DEMOCRATIC REMOVAL AND ANTI-DIVISION TICKET.

- ASSEMBLY,
DANIEL SNYDER.
COMMISSIONER,
JOHN B. EDGAR.
AUDITOR,
JOHNSON H. IKELER.
PROTHONOTARY,
JACOB EYERLY.
REGISTER AND RECORDER
CHARLES CONNER.

THE DIVISION.

We are accused by the Danville faction of endeavoring to make a false issue, because we contend that a division of the county will be the necessary consequence of the election of Richard Fruit. We think we have heretofore given sufficient reasons to induce any unprejudiced mind to believe such would be the case, and all with whom we converse are of the same opinion. But yet the Danville faction claim that the pledge of Richard Fruit against it, does away with all our reasons. Is it so? We have charged him time and again with having pledged himself, before his nomination, to the Berwick people to go for a division, and that they had declared that they would sustain no man who would not go with them. These charges of ours have never been denied, and the division portion of the Berwick people are still as warm for Richard Fruit, as ever they were. It is true they were for a few days after the pledge of Fruit appeared apparently rather cool upon the subject of his election, but immediately after a visit from John Fruit and Judge Donaldson, they again enlisted warmly in the contest, and are now actively engaged in securing his election. Why this sudden change after the visit of those gentlemen? What other inference can be drawn from it than there has been private assurances given that the pledge shall be inoperative after the election. It has been so asserted by several gentlemen in favor of division, and we heard one say ourselves, that the pledge was only given to those gentlemen who ask it, and that it had not a general bearing. That they do electioneer with those whom they think it will do, for Fruit upon these grounds is positively true. Then have we not good grounds for supposing that they have those assurances.— Would they be likely to go for him if they had not? No one believes it. Would they place a club in the hands of their enemies to knock their own brains out? Who is silly enough to believe it? It is acknowledged by every intelligent man in the county, except by those whose interest it is to deny it, that a division or removal must take place, and that too before the present controversy is settled. The cry of the Danville faction, and echoed back by the division men in Berwick, that the county would be kept together, by leaving the courts where they are is all idle. It is merely said by them to gull the people, and turn their attention from the true issue.— They know that it cannot be done. They know that the people will never be satisfied with it, and knowing this will not they go

in for a division. They have often declared that they would do so. They have expended thousand of dollars to retain the courts, and are becoming tired of the expense, and they are willing to enter into any arrangement that will free them from it hereafter. And as nothing else will, but a division, they resort to that as the last remedy. They have openly declared they would do so, and who is there that doubts but there is an understanding between the factions to that effect? Look at the matter fairly and then answer.

THE MEETINGS.

The proceedings of which we publish to day, are but the universal response to the excited state of feeling that exists in the county in relation to the questions that are to be settled by the election of next Tuesday. REMOVAL OR DIVISION. The people are aroused in every township, and will thunder forth their approbation of Daniel Snyder's course by a tremendous majority. The six creek townships, Homlock, Monteur, Cattawissa, Roaringcreek, Paxton, Bloom, Derry, aye. BRIER-CREEK and MADISON too, will tell a story that will make the aristocracy of Danville tremble for their fraudulently obtained county seat, and teach them, that justice, although slow, is sure, and that right must and will prevail. Their slander and detraction, whether given to the public, through handbills, or from the mouths of their hired bullies, will not prevent the people from going to the polls, and asserting their rights through the ballot box, the legitimate place for freemen to put down INJUSTICE and OPPRESSION.

Greenwood, noble Greenwood, always true to herself, has shown by the alacrity with which they attended the meeting with only a few hours notice, that they are determined to be free, and that justice shall be done the county.

The Roaringcreek meeting, the proceedings of which we publish to-day, was a general rush of the whole population of the township, the farmer left his plough—the mechanic his work shop, to express their indignant feelings towards their slanderers at Danville, who had so maliciously and wilfully misrepresented their sentiments and wishes, in the account of a pretended meeting which they called the voice of Roaringcreek, and the manner in which they attempted to prevent the true voice of the townships from being known. It was one spontaneous rally for freedom and equality, and for the right of peacefully holding their own meetings, and expressing their own sentiments, untrammelled by dictation from Danville. How different were the meetings the proceedings of which are published by the Algerine.

Mifflin meeting, O, what a wonder.— SIX men only attending from Mifflin and THREE from Danville ushering forth proceedings of a large meeting, as the "voice of Mifflin." The 2d Tuesday of October, will show those gentry, that the people of Mifflin township will not consent to be dictated to how they shall vote, by John Fruit, John Montgomery, John Rhodes and the Algerine, & that they must convince them with some better arguments that it is not for their interest to prefer a removal to division than their boasting, "that they had bought one man into their support, and duped two others, & now they were sure of a large majority for Fruit." We say they must produce more solid arguments than this, to satisfy them, that they should not sustain their own interest in preference to that of Danville.

Briercreek township, too has spoken, in opposition to the Berwick meeting at Evan's school house. It was a meeting of the farmers, or as a member remarked, of the tax payers of the township, who met and resolved to stand by the man who had manfully fought against the cutting and carving the county during the last session of the legislature. Such expressions as these are sure antidotes to the mind of an honorable man, for all the abuse that may be heaped upon him, by the Algerine, J. G. Montgomery, or the whole host of hired retailers of slander, that have travelled the county for weeks past.

The Algerine says that we are afraid of mass meetings of the people. No, no, my boy, you are mistaken. We like them they are just the things for disseminating truth among the people. Look at the Roaringcreek meeting, the proceedings of which we publish to day, when upwards of two hundred of the tax payers of the township took part.