RERALD & EXPOSITOR.

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CARLISLE.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 5, 1838.

The People's Candidates,
FOR PRESIDENT,
WM. H. HARRISON.

Anti-Van Buren Ticket.
FOR GOVERNOR,
JOSEPH RITNER.

Congress.
FREDERICK WATTS, ESQ.

Assembly.
GEORGE RUPLEY,
BENJAMIN REYNOLDS.

Commissioner.
JACOB SENER.

Director of the Poor.
JAMES WEAKLEY.

Auditor.
ADAM REIGEL.

Caution.

We advise our friends to beware of the falsehoods which will be circulated by our opponents upon the eve of the election. Pamphlets, handbills, slanders in every shape may be expected to be put in circulation, too late for the friends of Ritner to refute them. The friends of Porter, despairing of success, may be expected to resort to every thing to carry their candidate. We would say, believe nothing which can be trumped up between this time and the election, as any thing *true* which there might be to injure Gov. Ritner, would have been brought out long ago. Remember the *forged letter* which was put out in 1832, along the North and West Branch Canals, and which defeated Ritner's election at that time.

To the Polls! To the Polls!!

FREEMEN! the first blow has been struck! the ball has been put in motion! On Friday last, the two great antagonist parties in Pennsylvania met "in battle array," and although it was but the onset, the friends of RITNER, GOOD ORDER, and the SUPREMACY OF THE LAWS, have every where behaved nobly, and given to the enemies of Law and Order a foretaste of what they are to expect on Tuesday next. But we must not relax in our exertions; we must not fold our arms and remain inactive when we have work to perform. From what we witnessed on Friday last, we are more and more convinced that the Loco Focos will endeavor to accomplish by FRAUD what they cannot do by fair means. They are straining every nerve to saddle upon the people of the Key-stone State, a time-serving and corrupt politician—*a dishonest man!*—an imbecile tool, who aspires to the high office of Governor in order that he may gratify his own petty ambition and bestow upon his noisy partizans the spoils. To effect their purpose, they will leave nothing undone by which they may secure votes. They will import votes from neighboring states—Fraud and Perjury will be resorted to; nay, IT HAS BEEN DONE! In districts where they have succeeded in carrying their Inspectors, they will endeavor to prevent qualified citizens from voting who are known to be friendly to *Ritner*, whilst, (if not strictly watched) they will receive every illegal *Porter* vote that may be offered.

Then, fellow-citizens, be on your guard! Be early at the Polls on the morning of the election and see that justice be done. The country expects every man to do his duty. If we succeed in re-electing *Joseph Ritner*, (and that we will we have not the least doubt) the death-knell of Van Buren and the Sub-Treasury will have been rung, and the Loco Foco Fanny Wright Agrarian party in Pennsylvania for ever prostrated.

Vote! Vote!

It is the duty of every friend of his country to turn out to the polls on TUESDAY NEXT, and give ONE DAY in support of the principles of sound government. Let every voter so arrange his business, that he can give his time and influence on the election day to promote the great object at which we all aim—the preservation of our republican institutions and the prostration of loco focoism. LET EVERY man go to the polls, and let no one remain at home, because he may think that one vote is unimportant. GO, and be sure to go EARLY. Take your friends and neighbours with you, who may hesitate to turn out, or who may not have the means of conveyance. Two or three votes in every district of the state, will make two or three thousand. Thus, *every vote is important*. We say again, therefore, go and vote early, and vote for Joseph Ritner, our Farmer Governor, and for our county ticket, the *whole* ticket, and *nothing* but the ticket.

The Carlisle Herald and Expositor.

William S. Ramsey.

The nomination for Congress of this beardless boy, without talents or reputation, is a bitter pill for the respectable portion of the Loco Foco party to swallow. The dose, however, *must* be taken by the faithful, and they should therefore make up their minds at once to shut their mouths and hold their noses, and take it down like any other nauseous prescription.

If elected, we are apprehensive that William S. Ramsey would be at Washington, as William S. Ramsey is in Cumberland county (as the tailor would say)—but a very skimp pattern. The figure he would cut would be small, and his influence would be about as great as a cypher's on the left of figures.

If William S. Ramsey should go to Washington and has nothing else to speak of there—it is to be hoped that he will favor Congress with *his speech* against Charles B. Penrose—it is a most excellent thing.

If William S. Ramsey should go to Washington, it would make a man feel proud of his district, to see *such* a representative. We would be thought a *nice* people, and possessed of much discrimination—of course, William would be set down as the best man in the three counties.

If William should ever get to Congress, he will fail to be a man among men; he should therefore make a bargain with the other members, similar to that made by the chicken with the horse—not to tread on each other's toes.

We have no other suggestion to make to William—but we do say to the voters of this district, be careful not to do that which will disgrace yourselves, your district and your state.

Col. Charles M'Clure.

We think there never was any individual of any party more badly treated than this gentleman has been by his Van Buren and Porter *friends!* Until within a few days of the nomination for congress, the idea was held out to the public that he would be the candidate of the party. At all the public meetings, Col. M'Clure was pushed forward as the principal orator; and a resolution applauding his talents and his principles, and heartily approving of his political and official acts, was unanimously passed by the party at their county meeting in August. But there was a deep laid plot to defeat him, and the result shows the success of the intrigue. Threats and promises were alternately made use of, and a letter declining a nomination *was forced* from Col. M'Clure the day before the con crees met at Bloomfield! Until this time, he thought that all was right, and was fully confident that his *friend* Ramsey would not deceive him. But the colonel was sadly mistaken, by being thus unceremoniously handed out of the back door of the party, to make room for an individual who, under the guise of friendship, has been using *low intrigue* and *cunning* to supplant him. As this, however, is a matter between them and the party, we shall leave them to settle it in their own way.

Mechanics.

Some of the Porter men deny that the Globe ever made an attack upon the mechanics of our country. That paper *does* express the sentiment, that certain classes of our mechanics are unfit for situations either in the Navy or Army, and that their principles and maxims prevent their ever becoming heroes. So much for the *democracy* of the Van Buren Porter party and its love for workingmen!

"Awful Disclosures!"

☞We last week published a chain of testimony in relation to David R. Porter, which proves that he has acted the part of a fraudulent and perjured villain—that his principal witness Owens, who was represented as an elder of the Presbyterian church and an exemplary member of society, was tried for knowingly passing counterfeit money, and was considered by those who knew him best to be a dishonest man—that an affidavit in favor of Porter, signed by an individual, was pronounced by him a base forgery, he having never signed nor approved of such a document—and that the Messers. Stonebrakers, who have been so much slandered and abused, are proved by their neighbors, who are all members of the Methodist church, to be honest and upright citizens.

The overwhelming evidence to which we refer, are the certificates of more than a hundred members of the church to which old Mr. Stonebraker belongs—the convincing letter of S. S. Wharton, Esq. a very respectable lawyer of Huntingdon, and lately a friend of Porter—and the admirable and pointed letter of Ex-Senator Wallace, which will cause the reader to startle at the depravity and villainy of Porter and his minions. This evidence has had such a powerful effect in some sections of this county, that we have been requested to republish it, which we do in this paper, and to which we call the serious attention of all our readers. The potency of its truth has already made converts of several Porter men, and completely staggered the faith of many others.

But the letter of John Williamson, Esq. in reply to a committee of his fellow citizens in Huntingdon, which we publish for the first time to-day, is most unquestionably a *clincher*. It is an *extinguisher*, and puts the last nail in the political coffin of David R. Porter. The evidence of Mr. Williamson may be entirely relied on, as the Porter papers gave him the most exalted character for talents, integrity, honesty, and moral conduct. *Then* he was a Porter man, but *now* he is for Ritner—*as all the reasons he gives for this change of sentiment are so convincing, so powerful, and so overwhelming*, that every honest man who will read it in connexion with the other evidence referred to, will at once pronounce David R. Porter a dishonest and perjured man, and unworthy of confidence.

Amalgamation.

The friends of Porter have shown their *fondness for practical amalgamation*, not only by the selection of their candidate, but by their illegal conduct; both in this borough and in Shippensburg, in PERMITTING NEGROES TO VOTE. A solemn decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recently made, *declares that negroes* under the Constitution of this State cannot vote. Yet because the *votes favored* a particular side, this important principle of Constitutional law is *trampled* under foot.

A gentleman belonging heretofore to the Porter party, declared in the presence of some of our friends, that he would not go any further with a party which considered it necessary to violate the laws of the country to carry their cause, and which associated him with *illegal negro voters*.

William S. Ramsey—again.

We will give an instance of the talents and aptness of this sapheaded debauchee for business. At the trial of George Sanderson for a libel upon C. B. Penrose, Esq. he acted as one of defendant's counsel. He pompously brought into court an armful of newspapers and proceedings of political meetings, to *justify* the charge of bribery made against Mr. Penrose.—Every one expected to see the world set on fire at once, when this *honest* and powerful orator should begin to double and twist his dandy form. After proceeding with a bombastic flourish of political Billingsgate to the Court and Jury for some minutes, he proposed going into a newspaper history to prove Mr. Penrose's politics, and that he must have been bribed. This is called in law a *justification*. The counsel for the prosecution were laughing in their sleeves at the net he was weaving for defendant, while John M. Read, his colleague, was writhing at every sentence. The Court here interrupted, and stated that the counsel for defendant had a right to prove the truth of the charges against Mr. Penrose if he could; but if he attempted it and failed, the court could not say what would be the extent of the punishment. Here the *learned jack-a-napes* took his seat, and John M. Read stated they rested their defence upon defendant's absence from the press when the offensive article was printed—that no man doubted for one moment Mr. Penrose's innocence, and Mr. Sanderson had therefore been left to the counsel of William S. Ramsey alone, he would now be rattling his chains in the Penitentiary, instead of advocating the claims of this *IGNORAMUS* to a seat in Congress.

Gov. Shulze's Letter.

"*Let well enough alone.*"

In the admirable letter of this distinguished man, the following language is held with reference to Gov. Ritner's character and prospects:—"The *Germans of Pennsylvania will hold fast to what they know to be good.* They know the *honesty* and *straight forward policy of Joseph Ritner, and they will support him.* They know he is a *good Pennsylvanian*, and that with *economy* and *care*, he watches over the *interests* of the State and the people. They will not cast away what they have tested, what they *know* to be good, to try experiments with constitutions or with men, which may turn out to be good for nothing. My correspondence has been extensive, and my other opportunities good, and I do assure you that *I have the utmost confidence in the re-election of Governor Ritner.*"

Loco Focoism.

The reason of the great changes against Porter and Loco Focoism is, that the character and principles of the candidate and the party will not bear examination. The tendency of their doctrines is to *uproot* the institutions of the country—to *interfere* with the rights of property—to *excite* the passions and prejudices of the poor against the rich. They would, in fact, make us a nation of *Jacobins*, and bring our country to witness scenes similar to those enacted during the French revolution, when the best blood of France was poured out by a lawless mob. To prevent such an occurrence here, is the fervent wish of every patriot—and hence we see the intelligent and virtuous portion of the community ranging themselves under the banner opposed to the dangerous and destructive doctrines of LOCO FOCOISM.

Specie Payments.

We are pleased to find that our market people refuse to take *Shin-plasters* for their commodities.—They have too long been imposed upon by this trash. There appears to be a disposition on the part of the Porter Van Buren Shin-plaster party to continue the circulation of their worthless trash. This should be discountenanced, and we are glad the market people have taken a stand against their circulation.

We again call upon our dealing men to aid in restoring a constitutional currency to the people. They ought to receive all the small notes in good credit offered at their counters, and unitedly adopt some measures to have them returned to the place where issued for redemption. They ought not to re-issue any small notes whatever.

A Large Bet.

The result of the late Inspector's Election throughout the State has terminated so favorably to the cause of the old Farmer, that our friends at Harrisburg are so sanguine of success, that they have offered the following bet, through the Harrisburg Chronicle:

$10,000 BET.

We are authorised to offer a BET of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS that Joseph Ritner will receive 3000 more votes at the next General Election in Pennsylvania, than his opponent David R. Porter, on the following conditions:

A forfeit of one thousand dollars to be posted on Friday, the 5th of October, in one of the Baltimore Banks. Refer to Mr. Matthew Wilson, Harrisburg, Pa.

A strong Fact.

A contemporary remarks that of ALL the witnesses whom David R. Porter has called upon to disprove the affidavits of the Stonebrakers and Allison, and the records of Beaver county, as well as his own receipts in his own hand writing, *not one has dared to testify under oath.* They only certify. Who are we to believe? This simple fact 'speaks volumes' against the honesty of David R. Porter.

☞As an act of justice to Wm. Luck, Esq. we state that he was not the author of the communication that appeared in this paper four weeks ago, over the signature of 'Upper End,' relative to Col. Woodburn's qualifications and popularity. It was written by one of the same political kidney, who, however, neither deserts the same nor the denunciations of the Carlisle junto, and who speaks his sentiments honestly without reference to *ulterior* objects.

☞The Volunteer cautions his friends to beware of spurious tickets, and intimates that the friends of Ritner will have the Van Buren *ticket* printed, with the exception of one or *two* names. Our neighbor may rest satisfied that the friends of Ritner will do no such thing, but a number of the warm and zealous friends of Porter have the whole of the Van Buren *ticket* printed, with the exception of the name of John Cornman, whose place is supplied with that of Jacob Souder. 'Aye, there's the *rub!*'

More Screws Loose.

We scarcely pick up a paper that we do not see the names of dozens who have been acting with the Porter party, but who, becoming disgusted, have publicly renounced further connexion with it. Many who were appointed to the *Pittsburg Convention* of the friends of *Porter* in September last, declined to go; and many who did go came away the friends of Ritner. For instance, the Washington Reporter of the 15th inst., contains letters from the following gentlemen who were appointed to the *Pittsburg Porter Convention*, all of whom decline the intended honor, and avow their determination to vote for *Gov. Ritner:*

DAVID G. RABE,
ISRAEL LEE,
PATRICK O'NEELEY,
JAMES JENNINGS.

The Mercer Luminary of the 12th inst., publishes the declinations of *Orson Pulney* and *Jonas Fell*, both of whom had been delegates to the Pittsburg Porter Convention, but now renounce all connection with Porter and his cause.

The Luminary also contains the renunciation of Mr. *C. Silvers* from a Porter Committee of Vigilance.

The Greene County Democrat contains the renunciations of *Hiram Porter* and *Abraham Smith*, delegates to the Porter Convention lately held at Pittsburgh, who have since come out for Ritner.

☞JOSEPH RITNER abolished the *State Tax*. The farmers' *pockets* show this.

Joseph Ritner diminished the *State Debt several hundred thousand dollars*. The records show this.

Joseph Ritner abolished *Shin Plasters*. His proclamation fixed that.

Joseph Ritner brought about *Specie Payments*. The *grumbling* of the loco focos show this.

Joseph Ritner will, for these and other good reasons, be RE-ELECTED Governor. The BALLOT BOXES will prove this.

☞DAVID R. PORTER, in his public capacity as Senator in 1837, voted for an appropriation of $150,000 to the Gettysburg Rail-road. *The journal of the Senate shows this.*

David R. Porter, at the session of 1837-8, voted for an appropriation of $205,000 to the Gettysburg Rail-road. *The journal of the Senate shows this, pages* 673 and 74.

David R. Porter voted, at the same session, for an appropriation of $250,000 to the Huntingdon and Chambersburg Rail-road, the most crooked of ALL crooked roads, and the least useful. *The journal of the Senate shows this.*

David R. Porter voted, at the same session, to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in congress to vote in favor of the infamous and iniquitous Sub-Treasury bill. *The journal of the Senate shows this.*

David R. Porter will, for these and various other reasons, be most signally defeated on Tuesday next, and be 'laid on the shelf' forever after.

☞Will the BULL-*headed* editor of the Volunteer name the individual to whom he alludes as the writer of various articles which have appeared in this paper, particularly those from Shippensburg? In that event, we shall know how to treat him, being prepared with documents to prove him a *malignant* and *despicable* LIAR. He will not, moreover, *then* be able to deny to the individual alluded to, that he was not the person *meant* in the paragraph, as he did to the same individual six or seven weeks since, when almost every person in the place believed the contrary. It would be a very strange circumstance that a man should be the author of letters from Shippensburg where he has not been for years, which contain the names of persons and a description of local affairs that he knows nothing about. He is also totally unacquainted with either of the *reputed* writers there, and never had any communication with our correspondent Y. either directly or indirectly. See how a plain statement nails the base falsehood of the '*convicted* LIBELLER' to the counter. What next, '*Master* SHALLOW?'

☞The Volunteer has been peculiarly unfortunate in its assults upon our candidates. Almost every thing the NUMSKULL editor has said against them, has recoiled upon himself and his party. His falsehoods in regard to Messrs. Rupley and Sener we nailed to the counter so promptly and effectually, that even the snarling cur himself dare not make a rejoinder. The letter of Mr. Watts in our paper to-day, nails another of his falsehoods to the counter completely. At every step he takes, he *blunders* at such a rate as to make himself ridiculous before the public. It is no wonder that some of the leading Porter men have lately been constrained to admit, that their *nominal* editor had neither judgment, tact, nor talent to conduct a newspaper; and that if it were not for Wm. S. Ramsey and the ex-editor of the Volunteer, they could not get along at all with *him*. 'Cold comfort,' truly, in these piping times!

☞The '*flying squad*,' composed of a baker's dozen, who change sides about once a year, are very active at the loco foco meetings, making speeches and beating up for recruits. Like all *new* converts, they are extremely zealous in the cause to show their sincerity in their *new* loco foco faith, and hence they *lead* off on all occasions with as much apparent gravity as though they had never deviated! One of the leaders of the party, in speaking on this subject, remarked that they would make as much out of the 'flying squad' this heat as they could, because it was difficult to say where they would be found next year. What an unenviable and *degrading* position!

☞We met a friend the other day, who, with a very quizzical look, asked us whether that man Gaulligher, who has been for some years so violent against the Van Buren party, and whom the loco focos appointed a judge at the Inspector's election, was the same Gaulligher to whom the party promised a Judgeship in case he would join them, provided that they elected Porter governor and carried the new constitution? We of course answered in the affirmative, and added that *recent* decisions proved him to be admirably qualified to discharge the important duties of a *judicial* station!!!

☞It is said that Cornman and a few of his leading friends have given a *half* promise to at least a dozen of individuals in town, to support them for Clerk of the Commissioners or County Treasurer, in order to insure their votes! But it wont all do. Scores of the more honest and intelligent of his own party are decidedly opposed to him, because they know that he is neither worthy nor qualified, and that his nomination was accomplished by foul means.

Harrisburg Reporter.

We stated recently that 'Squire Hume received but two votes in the loco foco county convention as a candidate for the legislature, notwithstanding he was on the spot importuning the delegates to vote for him, and the secret exertions of the above *tottering* concern and of a clerk in the State Treasurer's office to procure his nomination. The Reporter pronounces this '*a wilful and deliberate falsehood*,' and challenges us 'to produce even the *shadow* of proof to justify (our) assertion,' or 'consent to stand before the people of Cumberland as a branded liar.' Well, if the miserable dolts of the Reporter will keep their temper, we will not only give them the '*shadow*,' but the '*substance* of the '*proof*,' which was derived from one of the most zealous loco foco friends of Mr. Gorgas in the county. Our informant was told on the Monday of the August court, by another Van Buren and Porter man from the lower end of the county, that he had recently been over to Harrisburg and was in the Reporter office; and that the editors, in conversing with him in relation to the affairs of this county, expressed their hopes that David Hume would be nominated for the legislature. Upon being told by the Porter man that Hume was incompetent and unpopular, they maintained that he was every way qualified, and with an air of triumph pointed to his election as a delegate to the 5th of March convention to prove his popularity! The Porter man was subsequently told by a clerk in the State Treasurer's office, that Hume was sure of the delegates from East Pennsborough—had a good prospect of those from Allen and some other of the lower townships—and would receive aid from the upper end. The substance of all this was communicated to Mr. Gorgas by our informant the same day he heard it, and he requested him to call upon his author to satisfy himself of the correctness of the statement, which he immediately did. Mr. Gorgas thus received the same statement from our informant and our informant's author, both of whom are his ardent friends, and if he thinks proper to give up their names to the persons implicated, it is no business of ours. We have now given the facts to the public, and therefore hurl back in the teeth of the slandering and ignorant creatures of the Reporter, the foul epithets which they applied to us.

Base Fraud.

At the recent Inspector's election in this borough, the *loco focos* secured the election of their Judges in counting off, by bringing up a crowd of *illegal* voters to stand in their line. But that is still worse, the votes of these men were afterwards received by the Constable and Judges, and thus we were defrauded most shamefully out of the election! The Judges were dead against us—the Constable who held the election was point blank against us—and the Clerks who recorded the votes were against us—yet, notwithstanding ALL this, they beat us *only* seven votes! To show incontrovertibly that there *was* fraud committed, it is only necessary to state the simple FACT, that, in counting off the votes, there were FIVE more *ballots* in the box than there were *names* of voters recorded by the clerks! Let those who conducted the election answer to their fellow citizens, their consciences, and their God, for this daring outrage upon JUSTICE, HONESTY, and the PURITY of the elective franchise. Whether they were *sworn* or not, we are unable to say; but we hope they may be able to explain some of the facts just stated. The shameful conduct of our opponents on Friday, however, will only stimulate our friends to redouble their exertions, and bring every Ritner vote to the polls.

☞On Friday last, at the election for Inspector in this borough, the following amusing circumstance occurred: Master EPHRAIM CORNMAN, the lad whose name figures in the *Volunteer* as the *ostensible* JUNIOR editor of that dignified print, boldly walked up to the window and tendered his ticket to the Constable. A friend of Governor RITNER's, however, who happened to be present, and who is well acquainted with Ephraim, challenged his vote, and alleged that he was yet an INFANT. Of course this excited considerable surprise, as it was well known to those present that the young man had, at the last election, voted "*on age;*" and, indeed, no one, to look at him, could dispute his manhood, were it not for a peculiar something—a soft and boyish simplicity which revels in his countenance, as Ephraim stands at least six feet two inches in his stockings. However, he had been challenged, and he could not enjoy the "glorious privilege of a freeman" until he had sworn to his age. Accordingly, he started for the Judge's desk; but the "still small voice of conscience" was at work within him, and told him to BEWARE!—that he was still a minor. He therefore prudently declined appearing before the Judges, he merely entering at one door and SNEAKING out at another, amid the gibes and jeers of some mischievous boys, who assailed his astonished ears with the cockney shout of—"*Does your mother know you're out?*"

☞The Volunteer, in speaking of the appearance of the two ranks at the stand out for Judges, says, the "hard-working men, the dirty shirts, were on the Porter side, whilst the loungers, &c. were for Ritner." Amongst the former we of course must include Capt. Ramsey, Captain Allen, John Moore, James H. Graham, Jacob B. Lyon, a man who, like Henry Horn, CAN'T LIE; and last, though not least, Joe Allison and Sammy Hepburn. Oh, decency! Oh, honesty! Oh, truth! where was Ned Showers?

Judges of the Election.

We hope that, at the election on Tuesday next, no man will be appointed to act as Judge, who is interested in any bet upon the result to the amount of one cent. No matter how honestly disposed an individual may be, yet his judgment will be warped by his pecuniary interests. In order, therefore, to render the decisions of the Judges satisfactory to all, we hope this course will be adopted by both friends and foes. We hope further to see those who are selected for this important station, not *attempting* to deprive any man of his vote who is legally entitled to it, or to act the part of mere *partizans* instead of the impartial ministers of the law. The solemn obligations of the oath under which they act, should not be forgotten—*then* their motives will be unimpeached, and their decisions be above suspicion. All we ask is a *proper* construction of the law, which shall be *certain, invariable*, and *applicable to* ALL, *cares*, to whatever party belonging.

Perjuries.

At the general election, our friends must be careful that the loco focos do not bring men up to vote who are not qualified. Every effort will be made to induce foreigners and non-residents to make an *attempt* to get votes; and many, with this object in view, will no doubt perjure themselves. Every case of this sort should be closely watched, and the offender prosecuted to the utmost extent of the law. We witnessed an attempt by a *young lawyer*, on Friday last, to persuade a foreigner to swear that he had been naturalized! He would have done so willingly, so urgent was the appeal; but, as the law provides that the evidence of naturalization shall be the papers under the seal of the court, the man's oath was not taken. Upon examination of the records of the county, it appears *that he was never naturalized.* Thus a perjury and subornation of perjury were happily prevented. We say to our opponents in time—*beware!*

Frederick Watts, Esq.

Annexed we give a letter from FRED'K. WATTS, Esq., to two gentlemen in the upper end of our county, which nails the base falsehoods of the Volunteer in relation to this gentleman to the counter.

To Samuel Smith, Chairman, and William T. Crotzer, Secretary, of a meeting at Newburg, &c.

GENTLEMEN:—A copy of the resolution of your meeting requesting several gentlemen, and among them myself, to attend and address your adjourned meeting, has been handed to me.

On any occasion it would afford me pleasure to comply with the wishes of so respectable a portion of my fellow citizens, to address them on a subject of so much interest; and I trust it may not be construed into any want of respect on my part when I say that previous indispensable engagements prevent me from being present with you.

I regret this the less, because I feel conscious, that the little experience I have had in party politics would not enable me to add much to the interest of your meeting.

My nomination as a candidate for Congress was doubtless produced by the kind feeling of personal friends, and certainly without any agency on my part. I have no political desires to gratify, no private interests to promote by political preferment: on the contrary, every consideration of personal interest would induce me to decline any such distinction. I hope I shall never have the conscious feeling of having sought a nomination to office for myself; but when nominated by the unbiassed preference of a respectable party, whose principles are in accordance with the interests of the country, I shall not feel myself at liberty to disappoint their wishes. No man has a right to wrap himself in the security of his own selfish pursuits, and disregard the demands of public opinion upon his time and his energies. Thus much I have said in answer to the suggestions that I have refused to permit my name to be used.

I am aware it has been publicly said, "That I have avowed the opinion that every elector should be qualified by the possession of real estate of the value of one thousand dollars." Such an opinion I have never entertained: such a sentiment I never uttered: it is utterly repugnant to every principle of republican government which I have ever been taught or know. It is but a few years since any property qualification would have deprived myself of the privilege of voting: it will scarcely be believed that I could so soon forget my own poverty as to despise it in others.

Do me the favor to communicate this letter to the meeting over which you preside, and accept for yourselves, and those who may meet you, my unfeigned respect.

FREDK. WATTS.

Base Slander of the Dunkers and Mennonites.

It appears to be a part of the policy of the Porter party to drive all men who entertain any regard for religion, from any participation in politics. We frequently see assaults made on individuals, and even on whole classes of Christians, because they cannot sanction the excesses of those who are now seeking to destroy the prosperity of the country. As an instance of this, we cite the following from the Hanover Herald:

George Gitt, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace appointed by George Wolf a short time before he left the gubernatorial chair, and a leader of the Porter party in this borough, said the other day, that "*ALL THE DUNKERS AND MENNONITES WERE A SET OF D——D TORIES!*" This outrageous and unjustifiable expression was applied to the large and respectable body of our fellow citizens, belonging to the Dunkard and Mennonite denominations, because the greater number are in favor of *Joseph Ritner*, the German Farmer of Washington county, and opposed to *D. R. Porter*, because he has no knowledge of the German character—is ignorant of the language, and cannot be considered friendly to their interests. For proof of this, we are authorised to refer to Mr. JOHN HERSHEY, York street, Hanover, of whom it will be sufficient to say that he belongs to one of the most respectable and well known families in York county.

Extract of a letter to the Editor, dated
Southampton township,
October 1, 1838.

With regard to the election, our friends are active and confident of success. I count on from 20 to 30 majority in this township for Ritner. The people in the "pines" are all in favor of the German Farmer, or the "Old Dutch Hog," as the Porter men are pleased to call him. We are determined that we will not be bullied at the polls any more by the "Southampton lion," but will beard him in his den, and make him roar at the result of the election more than if his keeper had him by the ear. All we ask is fair play, and victory is ours.

The State Treasury!

Our readers will bear in mind, that the friends of Porter have asserted repeatedly of late, that the State Treasury was empty—that Governor Ritner and his friends had squandered the public money in electioneering—and that there were no available funds to pay the state creditors! Now, let the reader peruse the following certificate from the State Treasurer, (the Chairman of the Porter Central Committee,) who is obliged by law to report to the Auditor General the balance in his possession on the first day of each and every month:

"*Balance on hand this day*, $96,805 86.
DAN'L STURGEON,
State Treasurer.

October 1st, 1838."

Will the economical citizens of the state call the Treasury bankrupt, when it has *ninety-six thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty-six cents* in its vaults, after meeting all demands against it? Or will they find fault with their governor for not keeping a larger sum on hand, when they reflect that he thereby saves interest on the loans made by the legislature? What will the dejected and chop-fallen Porter men now say? Poor fellows! they fight hard, but

Amalgamation.

Below we give the affidavit of James Sturgis, Esq., and the certificate of several other gentlemen of Shippensburg, in regard to the fraudulent manner in which the Porter Constable and Judges carried the Inspector in that place. We have heard, that upon examination, on Saturday after the election, the tickets and tally papers were missing, *and it is believed we had the majority.* We forbear to make any comments on this fact, as a warrant has issued against the Constable and Judges, and will undergo a judicial investigation.

It will be seen by the affidavit and certificate who are the advocates of abolition and amalgamation. How *loving* to see a Porter man arm in arm, and cheek by jowl, with an ebony brother, marching up to the polls; and yet how dastardly to falsely make the charge against us.

SHIPPENSBURG, Oct. 1st, 1838.

We whose names are hereunto affixed do certify, that, on Friday last, the day of the Inspector's Election, SEVERAL NEGROES obtained their votes, notwithstanding objections were made on account of illegality; also that the polls were opened about ten o'clock, A. M., and that the Constable had selected his board either the day previous, or early in the morning of the day of Election, and that one of the Judges had bets made on the result of the Inspector's Election.

SAMUEL D. HENDERSON,
GEO. BUTTS,
WM. HENRY WOLFE,
WILSON HUBLEY.

A STATEMENT of the proceedings of the Inspector's Election, held in the Borough of Shippensburg, Cumberland co., Pensylvania, on the 28th day of September, 1838.

The election was opened by the Constable at 10 o'clock, he being a Porter man, before the citizens were assembled, having chosen his board the day before, and about 15 votes were taken in before the people were assembled. At 11 o'clock the people assembled and requested the Constable to give them the privilege of electing a board. He replied that it WAS DONE, AND THEY HAD NO BUSINESS WITH IT. The JUDGE HAD A BET ON THE INSPECTOR'S ELECTION, and the Constable had made a bet on the General Election. Three aliens presented their votes; the citizens objected to their votes. The judge told them they had no business with it, and to go away from the window. One man who resides in Indiana presented his vote, and it was taken. One of Illinois and one of Ohio, also presented their votes and they were taken, and they were citizens of said states.

One young man who was a Porter man also, between the age of 21 and 22, presented his vote and it was received without oath; one of the Ritner party offered his vote and it was rejected without he would swear, and thus was deprived. There were THREE NEGROES WHO VOTED, namely: John Kepperd, Richard Baker, William Johnson. One of these negroes I saw voting; and both parties admitted that the other two voted. I was not present at the time, but heard it afterwards, and the Porter party admitted they voted. One of the Porter party said HE GLORIED IN BRINGING UP A NEGRO MAN TO VOTE, if he had a right to vote.

JAMES STURGIS.

Affirmed and Subscribed the 29th day of September, A. D. 1838, before
ROBERT SNODGRASS, J. P.

Extract of a letter to the Editor, dated
Shippensburg, Oct. 2, 1838.

DEAR SIR:—The contest in our town will be warm; but it will not be, because we will try to get any of their votes: we ask none of them to vote with us, unless they believe our principles correct; but the contest on their part, to force in, and on our part to keep out, *illegal votes*, is what will make the conflict warm. We have a majority of 30 or 40 votes in the borough; but if *negroes* and *aliens*, and *citizens of other states* are allowed to vote against us, God only knows what the result will be. Our friends have already issued a warrant against the Inspector and Judges for fraud at the Inspector's Election on Friday, and we are determined to prosecute every man in our Criminal Court, who votes illegally. There are two or three, who have been voting for years without showing their naturalization papers. We will now demand them, and if they are not produced, and their votes are received, we will prosecute not only the voter, but the Inspector and Judges. The news from the other parts of the State cheer and animate us. With Ritner and Watts on one side, and Porter and Ramsey on the other, can any *honest* man hesitate to choose the former?

Yours, &c.

Hopewell true to the Core.

Extract of a letter to the Editor, dated
Hopewell township,
October 1, 1838.

MR. PHILLIPS,—You by this time have heard the result of the Inspector's Election. We were beaten, but not by fair and honorable means. Hopewell is certain, and will go for Ritner. We cannot swallow such rotten amalgamationism as David R. Porter and William S. Ramsey. Their incompetency and their identity with Van Buren [redacted] in direct opposition to our best interests. At the ballot box we will prove ourselves true to the core for Ritner and Equal Rights, and show our opposition to Ramsey, Van Buren and Loco-focoism by at least 15 of a majority.

Yours truly, &c.