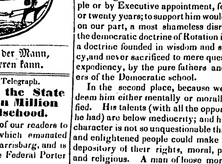
The Former Governor.



Der Joseph Ritner ist der Mann,
Der unsern Staat regieren kann.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Gov. Ritner and the State Debt—A Thirteen Million Loco Foco Falsehood.

We invite the attention of our readers to the following statement which *emanated* from the Loco Focos at Harrisburg, and is now going the rounds of the Federal Porter papers.

From the Lycoming Gazette.

"FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.
RITNER'S REFORMS!

Increase of the State Debt in SIX YEARS under Gov. WOLF'S Administration:

Daily,	$8,329
Monthly,	249,870
Yearly,	2,993,450

Increase of the State Debt in THREE YEARS under Gov. RITNER'S administration:

Daily,	812,745
Monthly,	24,382,350
Yearly,	292,588,200

Farmers of Pennsylvania! You who are against

A MONSTROUS STATE DEBT,

Which must finally be paid by a STATE TAX, ponder well on the above facts."

Now for a few FACTS in relation to the STATE DEBT.

In 1835, the Muhlenberg committee of Allegheny county published an address, from which we take the following Extract:

"FELLOW CITIZENS—It is time for the people of Pennsylvania to awake. *Oppression is stealing upon us with no unsteady step.* TAXES ARE MULTIPLYING in various forms, and eating up the hard earnings of our industry. Within the last six years the debt of Pennsylvania has been swelled from the comparatively small sum of eight millions, to TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS—

Being a daily increase, during the administration of GEO. WOLF, of $8,329!

A monthly increase of debt, of	229,870!
A quarterly increase of	649,612!
A yearly increase of	2,993,459!
A total increase of	16,00,1329!

The interest on which amounts to the enormous sum of one million two hundred and sixty two thousand eight hundred and eighty-one dollars, to be paid out of the pockets of the people."

In addition to this, Gov. Wolf in his valedictory message stated; as it would require ONE MILLION to pay off the debts then due on the public works. These *debts were all paid and the taxes REPEALED by Gov. Ritner.*

And in his annual message in 1836, Gov. RITNER recommended the PAYING OFF OF TWO MILLIONS OF THE STATE DEBT, and showed HOW IT COULD BE DONE—but the Loco Foco House of Representatives REFUSED TO DO IT. Let whoever doubts THIS FACT *read the message.*

Besides this, in his veto of the *Mammoth Improvement Bill*, and in all his messages and communications to the Legislature, he has uniformly declared HIS DETERMINATION TO PREVENT ANY INCREASE OF THE STATE DEBT.—Those facts are contained in official documents, which the most brazen faced Loco Foco cannot deny.

☞*Paragraphs from a late Muhlenberg paper, the Carlisle Republican:*

The Porter papers affect to believe the efforts of Ritner are beyond a doubt. They may possibly be sincere, but really we never before saw a set of fellows work so hard and STRETCH so LONG, to accomplish a result they considered so certain.

Porter has raced a good deal in his time, we know that the best trained nags are sometimes distanced and sometimes break down. Keeping these facts in view, we hope our Loco Foco friends will not exhibit too much chagrin when when they find their blooded courser left behind by an untrained wagon horse, at the October heats.

The Locofocos are trying to injure Gov Ritner by calling him an Abolitionist. They bring forward no facts to establish the point, however; while, on the other side of the question, unless the man be belied, there are several GROWING FACTS, in the neighborhood of Lewistown, proving that Porter has no very serious objections to AMALGAMATION. Those, by the by, are more matters of taste, and we refer to them only as the idle rumors of the day.

As David R. Porter has been a long time in public life, and four or five years, at least, in the Legislature, we will feel obliged to any of his leading friends who will furnish us with any paper of his production—speech report, bill, resolution, or any thing else—whereby we may be enabled to find some evidence of his intelligence. In the absence of such documentary proof, we must say, as our belief, that David R. Porter is inferior, in all the necessary qualifications of a good Governor, to his opponent, Joseph Ritner. He can sing a song, fiddle a little, tell a good story, crack a joke, take a drink, smoke a segar, and swear an oath with as much grace as any body else; but as for any intelligence, all that he has got only fits him for an admirable puppet in the hands of leading demagogues. Should he, unfortunately be elected, many who voted for him now, will see to their sorrow that we speak the truth.

The Washington Globe banters to bet on Porter's election. Bet what counterfeit money Shinplasters or the balance of the debt the veritable Blair owes the United States Bank? What an insult to the people to hear the organ of a broken government, offering bets on the State elections.

That we shall not support David R. Porter, we think extremely probable. But why shall we not? Because, in the first place, he having held office either from the people or by Executive appointment, for fifteen or twenty years, to support his wife and family on our part, a most shameless disregard of the democratic doctrine of Rotation in Office, a doctrine founded in wisdom and safe policy, and never sacrificed to mere expediency, by the pure patrons and founders of the Democratic school.

In the second place, because we do not deem him either mentally or morally qualified. His talents (with all the opportunities he had) are below mediocrity; and his moral character is not so unquestionable that a free and enlightened people could make him the depository of their rights, moral, political, and religious. A man of loose moral principles, as we believe David R. Porter to be, who is not gifted with a godlike intellect to counter-balance and sway his moral infirmities, is not fit to be the ruler of a people.

In the third place, because, like every premole member of his family, he is a trimming politician, in whose integrity no confidence can be placed; and further, because his whole family connexions have been tried and pampered, for a period of forty years and upwards, upon the "spoils of office"—in other words, upon money wrung from the hard hands of laborious industry, in the shape of Taxation. His father and each of his brothers were, in their day, the recipients of public favor, and fed without stint upon their master's cribs.

In the fourth place, because, if elected, we are led to believe he will sustain the persistent measures of Martin Van Buren's administration, by which the energies of the country have been prostrated, its treasures squandered upon worthless parasites, or expended in lubarous and disgraceful wars against offending Indian tribes, who have been wronged, cheated, and persecuted by white speculators sent among them as Government agents.

In the fifth place, because he is the candidate, not of the people, but of the broken down office holders, who expect through him to come again into power, and support themselves in a course of profligacy and licentiousness at the public expense.

Finally, we shall not support him, because we have no confidence in the man, or in the party by whom he is sustained; knowing, of our own experience, that all their professions of democracy and love of the people are hypocritical, and all their designs low, sinister and selfish.

It is vain for the Loco Focos to attempt to conceal or deny, *what is too manifest to every candid mind*, that Martin Van Buren and his administration have become so the result of the election in Pennsylvania next fall, for Governor. Upon Pennsylvania rest all their hopes. If they look to Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, they hear nothing but the rumbling noise of disaffection and distrust without condemnation of, Martin Van Buren and his administration. Pennsylvania no doubt is in sentiment with her sister states, yet no effort will be made, nay is now making, by the administration at Washington to influence the public in favour of David R. Porter. For what other reason than this was the following published in a Washington paper?

"A gentleman in this city will bet TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, that David R. Porter will be elected Governor of Pennsylvania."

This offer was made immediately after Mr. Van Buren and his friends had succeeded in carrying through Congress the bill authorizing the issue of TEN MILLIONS of Treasury notes.

Devoted as Pennsylvania was to Andrew Jackson, and the readiness with which she adopted all his measures and received all his recommendations, Martin Van Buren too plainly sees, that she is lost to him and his friends, and hence the necessity of having a fund to operate upon and influence the election in this state.

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