

[Extract from a Campaign Document issued by the Virginia State Central Committee.]

### WHAT IT COSTS TO BE GOVERNED

Why are the people so patient? Why slumber in the hands of the "democracy"?—Hon. A. Payor, Editor of the "Washington States."

Will the Democratic press cry out "Why are the people so patient," when "from the boys and girls" who are "the Government's rottenness" send forth an insufferable stench?

Nearly every department of the Government seems to be in the hands of plunderers and speculators; nor is it a matter of surprise when we find officials, from the President down, engaged in this warfare upon the Treasury of the United States. Here and there we meet with a Democratic paper that has the manliness to denounce the corruption and extravagance of the federal authorities.

The disclosures brought to light by the recent Investigating Committee exhibit the American Government, under the present Democratic Administration, as the most wasteful, extravagant and corrupt now in existence. Democracy has there been so shameless a distribution of patronage and the use of power by the Administration of James Buchanan. No honest man, who loves a pure and honest administration of the Government, can read the developments without a shudder; and well may every patriot exclaim, "Why are the people so patient?"

In proof of what is here charged, the reader is requested to contrast the professions of Mr. Buchanan, before his election, with the acts and results of his Administration. The annexed extract from a letter, written by him, shows the character of the former, while the statements and citations that follow will give an idea of the latter:

"WHEATLAND, Feb. 23, 1852."

"Gentlemen: On what subject, then, can we go before the country and confidently calculate upon the support of the American people at the approaching Presidential election? It is one thing to say that we must fall back, as you suggest, upon a rigid economy in public expenditures."

"These expenditures have now reached the enormous sum of fifty millions of dollars per annum, and, unless arrested in their advance by the strong arm of the Democracy of the country, in the course of a few years, reach one hundred millions. The appropriation of money to accomplish great national objects sanctioned by the Constitution, ought to be on a scale commensurate with our power and resources as a nation; but its expenditure ought to be conducted under the guidance of enlightened economy and strict responsibility. I am convinced that our expenses ought to be considerably reduced below the present standard, not only without detriment, but with positive advantage both to the government and the people."

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, JAMES BUCHANAN."

Mr. Buchanan has lived to be President, and has lived to fulfill his own prophecy.

That the people may see with what rapid strides the expenditures of the "democracy" have increased, we append the amounts for the last years of the two preceding terms, and the first two of this:

Year	Fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1852	Fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1851	Fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1850
Fillmore	\$30,552,080 37	\$29,172,491 64	\$26,718,828 85
Pierce	\$30,552,080 37	\$29,172,491 64	\$26,718,828 85
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Thus it will be seen that the strong arm of Democracy, relied on by Mr. Buchanan to stop the government's extravagance, has fostered and nurtured the wildest and most reckless prodigality, and shielded corruption in its ranks from the Washington States, in its issue of the 17th of March, 1852, says: "Why are the people so patient—why slumber in the hands of the Democracy?"

The Public Printing, the Public Buildings, the Naval Contracts, the Post Office, and, in fact, every branch of the Government, that could be made to yield a farthing, has been seized upon by a horde of plunderers, under the toleration, and with the connivance, of the Executive; and, in proof of this, we give the language of several prominent Democrats. In a speech in the House of Representatives, near the close of the last session, Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, said:

"When he first entered Congress in 1843, the expenses of the Government were only \$30,000,000 per annum. The country had gone through the expensive Mexican war, with sixty-three thousand soldiers in the field, for three years, and now, in time of peace, the estimates were seventy-three millions. Many expenditures were wholly unnecessary, and reform was indispensably needed. He believed forty millions an abundance for the national expense."

Hon. Andrew Johnson, Senator from Tennessee—also good Democratic authority—referring to the same subject, said in a recent speech in the Senate:

"It is in the power of Congress to prevent these enormous expenditures; and if we do not interpose, we are responsible for them. This Government, sixty-nine years of age, scarcely out of its swaddling-clothes, has more money in its hands in proportion to the amount collected from the people, as I honestly believe, than any other government now on the habitable globe."

Gen. Shields, one of the Democratic Senators from Minnesota, in the course of a debate in the Senate, also took occasion to say:

"I think it is not saying too much to declare that this country, by its extravagance, has done in ten years, what other countries have done in centuries."

The Hon. M. R. H. Garnett, of Virginia, in a recent speech, said:

"Can any gentleman pretend that it is fair, that it is legitimate, that the expenses of this Government are more than doubled in six years? Look through the list of items, and you will find that the expenditures have doubled in almost every item. Is there no place to apply the knife? The Committee on Ways and Means tell you that they cannot control these expenditures; then I say that the only way to control them is the same way that you would control any other extravagant person; and that, by striking them down."

And all this under Democratic rule; a Democratic President; a Democratic Cabinet; a Democratic Congress, and Democratic officials in all the administrative departments. O, "Why slumber the indignation of the Democracy—why are the people so patient?"

From the Washington States of March 17th, 1852, edited by Roger A. Pryor, we make the following extracts in regard to the public printing:

"The Public Printing Plunders.—The fact that for the last five years the American people have been subjected to an annual drain of nearly a million of dollars, on account of the public printing, is a circumstance which will not escape commentators. It is a striking instance of the perversion of Federal authority, that in addition to its many other illegitimate occupations, the central government has engaged so largely in the incooperable business of a printing office."

"It is a signal attestation of the decay of official virtue, that the appropriations for this unwarrentable purpose have been squandered in bribes and courtesies to the very officials who were appointed to protect the public interest."

"It is a deplorable mark of the progressive deterioration of political morals, that the exposure of pecuniary frauds of the most atrocious character rarely provokes more than a gentle expostulation from the men in authority."

"With the view of inviting public attention to the abuses which abound in almost every branch of federal administration, we reproduced, a few days ago, the report whereto a committee of the House exhibited the fraudulent practices of the Printing Department. It is a document of the

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