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The following is Mr. CLAY's answer to the letter addressed to him. It will, at first sight, be seen to be just such an answer as they might have expected from him.

"ASHLAND, September 9, 1844.

GENTLEMEN: I this day received your letter, addressing two inquiries to me: 1st. Are you in favor of the Tariff act of 1842? And, 2d. Would you, if elected, support that act as it is, without modification, or would you be in favor of modifying it?

I have, so often, gentlemen, expressed my opinion in favor of the Tariff of 1842, that I only regret I feel that you should deem it all necessary to request any renewed expression of it. Nevertheless, I take pleasure in complying with your request, in saying, that I am of opinion that the Tariff of 1842 has been eminently salutary; that I am decidedly opposed to its repeal; that I should regard its repeal as a great national calamity; and that I am aware of the necessity of any modification of it. I am therefore opposed alike to its repeal or modification. A fixed and stable policy is what the country now most needs, and I sincerely hope that the Tariff of 1842 may be maintained, and thus afford a security for that desideratum.

"I am respectfully, your ob't servant,
"H. CLAY."

The Whig Address in reply to the white-washing manifesto of WILLIAM H. HAYWOOD, Jr., will be found in our columns to-day; and we hope it will be carefully read and circulated by our whig friends among the democrats. They will there see whether Ezekiel Polk was a whig of 1776 or not.

And we would merely ask whether J. K. POLK's votes in Congress against allowing the *old Revolutionary Soldiers* a pension, does not partake pretty strongly of the principles of his illustrious grand-father? We simply make the enquiry—the people can draw their own conclusions.

THE POLKITES AND TEXAS.

We had nearly come to the conclusion that *Pole* would ease off the Locos, almost without a struggle: But the article in today's paper headed "Annexation," convinces us that they are dying hard: No set of men, of American birth and feeling, would resort to such desperate means under all the circumstances, to carry an election. They must be fanatics, "round-headed" rowdies of the purest specimens, who possess but few of those qualities of the heart which influence men to seek the happiness and prosperity of the greatest number. Did we feel that they are honest (we mean the leaders) in their professed views of the annexation, then should we withhold denunciation: But it is otherwise with us: The history of this question shows that it was sprung upon the people of this country to affect the Presidential election. Every body knows this: How then can we hold its ULTRA supporters in any other light than enemies to their country; and if Burr merited his fate, they have earned the fate of Burr.

Mr. Clay speaking of annexation in a letter to a gentleman in Alabama, says: "It would be unwise to give a permanent acquisition, which will exist as long as the globe remains, an account of a temporary instigation."

How useless is it for Mr. Clay to be turning and shifting in this matter! He came out against Texas, and he did not stick to his position! Such trickery, if any other, ought to defeat him.—North Carolinian.

How much more useless for Mr. Wm. L. Bayne to be charging Mr. Clay of what he is not guilty. Mr. Clay came out against the Tyler Texas Treaty, and he is opposed to it still. Subsequently he has announced that he is in favor of annexation, if it can be accomplished without the sacrifice of national honor. Why, then, charge him with inconsistency, and do him the injustice of publishing garbled extracts from letters which are rumored to have been written by him. Place in juxtaposition Mr. Clay's two papers in full which show Mr. Clay's inconsistency on the Texas question; and if we find that he is actually been "turning and shifting" and practising "trickery" will not hesitate to expose him.

The expressed will of a majority is the governing principle of a Republican nation; and as Watchmen of the liberties of our country, we call upon all Freemen to come forth to the polls on the 4th day of November next, and there to express their will according to the best of their understanding and belief, whether the tree of the Bramble shall be promoted or not. Know ye not that the Freemen afforded the first protection to the Bramble? and under that emblem we presented Mr. Clay as a candidate for the Presidency.

From all that we hear the meeting at Concord, N. H., on the Catawba River on the 24th and 25th, will be a glorious one. Extensive preparations are making.

In consequence of the Mass Meeting to be held at Marganton on the 18th and 19th of October, the Mass Meeting which was appointed to take place at Gold Hill on the same days, will necessarily be postponed. It had been suggested that the meeting at Gold Hill might take place on the 29th or 30th, and that Mr. Senator Mangum who was to have been at the Marganton meeting might be expected to be present. Having just heard however, of the sickness of Mr. Mangum by which he will be prevented from being present at either meeting, we are unable at present to make any definite announcement in reference to the meeting at Gold Hill. We hope however, it will not be inferred from the above, that there is any intention on the part of the Whigs to abandon their original design. We trust that the necessary arrangements will be speedily made, and that we shall have it in our power to announce in our next paper the day on which the meeting will be held, and the arrangements which may have been made.

On the 13th ult., there was one of the largest Whig meetings in Boston, Mass. ever held in that place. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Daniel Webster, Hon. J. M. Berrien, besides other able and eloquent speakers, among them we notice Hon. Augustus H. Shepperd, of this State, whig Elector for the 8th District. It is said there were upwards of fifty thousand on the ground when the speaking commenced.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.—At the Whig Meeting, held in Smithfield on Tuesday last, the 24th ult., J. M. LELAND, Esq., was recommended to the citizens of Johnston county, as a suitable candidate to fill the office of Senator, vacated by the death of RANSOM SANDERS, Esq. We believe the Whigs of Johnston are aware of the importance of the occasion, and will do their duty.

NAVAL LAUNCH.—The Norfolk Beacon, of the 17th ult., gives an account of the launch of the United States Sloop of War *Jamestown*, which took place on the day previous. Her length between perpendiculars is 163 feet, breadth moulded 35 feet, extreme do. 36 2-12, her depth to gun deck 16 8-12, and length of her spar deck 170 feet, being fully as long as the Constellation frigate and of such vessels generally, of the second class. Her armament consists of 18 Paixhan 32 pounders, and 4 Paixhan do.

TEXAS MINISTER.—Mr. Van Zandt, the Texian Minister to the United States, having obtained leave from his Government for that purpose, has taken leave of the Executive of our Government. An interchange of complimentary letters took place between the President and the Minister, on the 9th ult.

Great preparations are making by the gallant whigs of old Burke to entertain all who may feel disposed to attend the mass meeting to be held there on the 18th and 19th.

"The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the Olive tree, reign thou over us: But the olive tree said unto them, should I leave my fatness wherewith they honour God and man and go to be promoted over the trees? And the trees said to the fig-tree come thou and reign over us. But the fig-tree said unto them should I forsake my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said the trees unto the Vine, come thou and reign over us. And the vine said unto them, should I leave my wine which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said all the trees unto the Bramble, come thou and reign over us. And the bramble said unto the trees, if in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow, and if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon."—JUDGES IX, 8, &c.

This parable of Jotham is applicable to the acts of a political party of the present time in selecting a candidate for President. The Democrats went forth to Baltimore in 1844, to appoint a Dictator over them, sustaining the veto power in all its abuses, makes the President a Dictator. And they said to Martin Van Buren, come thou and be promoted over us, for thou art most deserving, and we love thee supremely, we know not, we care not what guile is in thy heart, we know that we love thee whatever thou art, and Martin said faint would I climb, yet I do fear to fall, then said the Democrats, thou art not Texian, thy heart fails thee, thou shalt not climb at all. Then said the Convention to Cass, be thou promoted over us, but let us reason together, thou most peaceable, consistent politician, who didst formerly boast of having frightened the King of the French out of a received opinion of sustaining a Quantuple treaty; and also didst give notice of danger to the formidable Mediterranean fleet and admonish it to flee for safety, when none pursued except the flying Dutchman of thy own fancy; and Cass said they are far behind that cannot follow, I would be promoted if I could, but the Convention said two-thirds or a veto, and the veto prevailed.

Then said all the Democracy to the bramble, Polk, come thou and reign over us. And Polk, like the Bramble said, if in truth ye promote me over you, come put your trust in my shadow, (as Jackson's friend, only ten miles distant) and ye be saved thereby; otherwise let fire arise out of the Polk stalk and devour the whole stock of Democracy. The bramble is not a distinct tree or plant, but a tangled mass of thorns, briars and vines and brush readily set on fire and rapidly consumed.

LOCOFOCO DEFINITIONS.—Height of impertinence.—Asking a locofoco orator Mr. Polk's opinions on the Tariff.

Height of Patriotism.—Repudiating our own State debt, and offering to pay the \$10,000,000 debt of Texas.—*Allegheny Express.*

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At an election in East Hartford on Wednesday for Assessors and Board of Relief the whig ticket succeeded by more than 100 majority. For three years past this town has been Locofoco, excepting last April, when the whig Representatives were elected by less than 20 majority.

A Great Whig Meeting at New York—Locofoco Outrage.

The largest meeting ever held in New York, was held by the Whigs, Thursday night last. Moses H. Grinnell, Esq. presided. It was an immense affair. At one time, there were ten speakers addressing different crowds. After the adjournment, a splendid procession was formed. The New York Courier says, that when near Duane street in Chatham street, a party of Loco Focos attacked the Jersey delegation, but were soon routed. Subsequently the Empire Club made a desperate attack on the end of the procession, and were also driven off. Still later, the Young Men's Club was attacked by a body of ruffians, headed by Bill Ford, late of the Penitentiary, and their beautiful banner taken from them. The young men had fallen into the rear and were detached from the main body of the procession. The assailants were armed with bludgeons and knives, and outnumbered the young men in the procession, but they were beaten off after a severe conflict, in which the standard-bearer, George W. Williams, received a severe cut in his hand. The Standard was captured and borne off; but the young Whigs pursued their assailants and recovered the flag-staff. The flag itself was torn off and could not be recovered. Several persons were much injured in the scuffle. The New York Commercial suggests to both parties, the propriety of having no more night processions during the campaign.

A GOOD ONE, INDEED!—The United States Gazette says: "A friend from the interior of this State, (Carbon county), informs us that, in order to show the Locofocos by their own papers, that Mr. Polk and the party, as a party, were opposed to the protective policy and to the present tariff, he subscribed for the Richmond Enquirer; but that paper not having Polk and Dallas at its head, is denied to be a Locofoco paper, and the Locos of that county, and even one who has been a member of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of this State, insists that it is a Whig paper! What will brother Ritchie say to this?"

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The feelings of the prisoners towards the Government of Texas are deeply embittered. They deem themselves forsaken by the sole Government to which they owe allegiance, and in fighting whose battles they were made prisoners; and yet they breathe nothing but enthusiasm regarding the "lone star."

As to the preparations which Mexico is making for the invasion of Texas, we can learn very little of a definite nature. That active operations are going on in enlisting and equipping troops there is no doubt. But our personal informants and correspondents seem to question whether the conquest of Texas be the object in view.

Gen. CANALIZO set out from the capital for San Luis de Potosi on the 19th of August, accompanied by all his staff, to take command of his division of the army destined to operate against Texas.—*Picayune.*

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—DAVIE COUNTY, COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS—AUGUST TERM, 1844. David Hoffman and Margaret his wife, vs. Margaret his wife, Miller's Will, vs. George Miller, and others. Petition for Reprobate of Jacob Miller's Will.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants, Leonard Fezor and his wife Barbara, Henry Miller and Michael Miller, are not inhabitants of this State: It is ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Carolina Watchman, for the said Leonard Fezor and his wife Barbara, Henry Miller and Michael Miller, personally to be and appear before the Justices of our said court, to be held at the court-house in Lexington, on the 3d Monday in November next, and plead, answer or demur to the plaintiff's petition, or it will be set for hearing ex parte, as to them, and judgment entered against them. Test: JOHN C. MOORE, CLK. CHAS. MOCK, c. c. e.

State of North Carolina, Davie County, COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS—AUGUST TERM, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR. Benjamin H. Eaton, Isaac N. Frost and wife Mary, Peter Esler, Holden Smith Holman, Andrew B. Holman, Benjamin Eaton, Daniel Eaton and Elizabeth Eaton, vs. Margaret Taylor. Petition for Partition of Land.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that Margaret Taylor, is not an inhabitant of this State: It is ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Carolina Watchman, that the defendant in this case be and appear at the next court, to be held for the county of Davie, at the court-house in Mocksville, on the fourth Monday of November next, and plead or judgment pro confesso will be taken. Witness, John Clement, clerk of said court at office, the 4th Monday of August, 1844, and 69th year of American Independence. JOHN CLEMENT, CLK.

State of North Carolina, Davie County, COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS—AUGUST TERM, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR. John S. Silliman, c. x. e. Pursuant to a Decree of the Court of Equity for Rowan county, at Fall term, 1844, the clerk and master will offer for sale at the court-house in Salisbury, on Monday the next court, the 4th day of November, a tract of land containing about 300 ACRES, lying on Sills creek in Rowan county. On which land there is a valuable *EXPLORED* BRICK SHALE, and *GREEN SANDS* in a brick house, and a SAW MILL, all in good repair. Also, two lots, nos. 43 and 44, in the great North square of the town of Salisbury, being the property of the heirs at law of Richard Kern and Mary Allison, dec'd. A credit of twelve months will be allowed, and bond with sufficient security for the purchase money required on the day of sale. S. SILLIMAN, c. x. e.

State of North Carolina, Rowan county, COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS—AUGUST TERM, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR. In conformity to a Decree in Equity for Rowan county, the clerk and master will sell at the court-house in Salisbury, on the 4th day of November next, being Monday of Rowan county court, a tract of land in Rowan county, lying on second creek, adjoining the lands of Thomas Todd, E. D. Austin and Wm. Barber, containing about 400 ACRES, the property of George McConaughy's heirs. A credit of one year for half, and two years for the other half, bearing interest after the end of one year, will be allowed. Bonds with sufficient security for the purchase money required on the day of sale. The purchaser's title to await the order of the court. S. SILLIMAN, c. x. e.

Also—At the same time and place will be sold under the same authority, another tract of land, lying in Rowan county, on crane creek near Salisbury, containing about 200 ACRES, adjoining the lands of John Murphy, J. I. Shaver and others, belonging to the heirs of Mary Utman, dec'd. On a credit of six months upon bond and security for the purchase money being executed. Title to be made pursuant to further order of the court. S. SILLIMAN, c. x. e.

Also—At the same time and place, the clerk and master will sell two other tracts of land, lying in Rowan county, the property of David Kerns, Esq. one of 100 ACRES, adjoining the lands of W. E. Powe, and others on crane creek. The other of TWO HUNDRED ACRES, adjoining the lands of M. Chambers and J. Kerns, on the waters of crane creek. A credit of twelve months will be allowed, and bond with sufficient security for the purchase money required on the day of sale, the purchaser's title to await the order of the court. S. SILLIMAN, c. x. e.

BY virtue of a decree of the court of Equity for Rowan county