

WASHINGTON CITY, January 25th, 1835.

My Dear Sir—On the subject of your letter, which mentions my becoming a candidate for Governor, I have written a letter to the Chronicle, declining all pretensions to that office, under the full conviction, derived from evidence with which I am satisfied, that I am not the choice of the "State Rights party," and that a safer and better selection can be made, if I am out of the way—Never having any other object in view, than the success of our *principles*, without regard to personal advantages, I most cheerfully, therefore, give way to any plan that the party may think best, and will cordially co-operate in any nomination they may make.

I sincerely thank you for your kind feelings and good-wishes toward me, and assure you they are reciprocated on my part.

Your sincere friend.

A. S. CLAYTON.

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The above letter was received from Judge Clayton early last month—It was not accompanied with any intimation that it was intended for the public.—A delicacy, therefore, has hitherto prevented the friend, to whom it was addressed, from offering it for publication.

Judge Clayton's talents and principles are the native production of Georgia, and, *to the people*, his public services and sentiments belong.

The letter speaks a language, and spontaneously exhibits a high minded and magnanimous principle, which ought not to be "hid under a bushel."

What the evidence can be, he has received, which induces him to believe he "is not the choice of the State Rights party," is beyond our ken.

One thing we feel bold in saying, that, the "evidence," be it what it may, does not exist in the mind of Judge Clayton, of his own want of talents and native *original* independent sagacity of judgment and capability, to manage the Executive Department of the State, nor in any dereliction of duty, towards the true principles and interest of the people and the State of Georgia, in the offices and public trust, which have heretofore been confided to him.

We then ask, again, what can be the nature of the "evidence" he has received?

There are two sides, which must always exist between the people and their public servants—the one, that the officer or representative, should feel a confidence in *himself*—his acts, and the principles which governed them, for the public good—and the other, a just and liberal approval of his acts, and their main governing principles, on the part of the people. The best criterion to judge of a public servant, is to watch *his acts*, and see if there be any evidence, or ground of suspicion, that he has endeavored to convert, or co-operate in the conversion of the government, and

the public funds, domain or interest of the people, to his own private emolument and that of his party, regardless of the rights of the citizens and the public welfare of the State.

Unless due regard be paid by the people on their part, to this fundamental principle of the government, and the tie and obligations, which must ever continue to exist between them and their public servants, the consequences must and will be inevitably follow, that the best and most talented men will retire in disgust, and leave the people and the government to the management of the *second best—the third best—the fourth best*, and so on, until the government will degenerate down to a mere mockery, and kind of Legislative rabble and mobbery, of enacting laws and dispensing the Public Treasure.

Such is the present situation of our State Government; and unless an united effort can be made, to wrest it from the hands of the present inefficient incumbents, and arouse the deluded minds of the people, to see the political deception that has been practised upon them, by the false "Union party," and their ring-leaders, the government of Georgia must continue to go down—down—down, until her utter disgrace and public bankruptcy will be consummated.

The head men of the Federal party, who have the impudence to call themselves the "Union, Democratic Republican party," have actually no talents but those of low cunning, to deceive the less informed part of the community, at the ballot boxes—which from their own shallow electioneering tricks, it is more the fault of the people, that the present incumbents now have the government, and all the Public Treasure entirely in their own hands; which they are using, more for their own private benefit, than for the public good.

Let us look at the true picture of our State Government, and see what kind of hands it has fallen into.

First. There is one, who has been publicly suspected and accused (and not contradicted) of participating largely, as the secret and prime mover of an extensive company of land speculators, to defraud a certain class of our Indian citizens, out of their just and reserved rights to certain lands, in violation of the Constitution, and the most sacred principles of justice and humanity.

Secondly There is another, whose name was, and perhaps now now stands recorded upon the list of the "YAZOO" speculators, and whose long private and public career, augments instead of diminishing the belief, that, his principles and capability, of a similar enterprise, are still the same, if he could only have the full use of the government.

Thirdly. There is another, who stands most renowned for talents—which consists in getting beastly drunk, and going prowling and roaring about the streets—taverns—and the "Piney Woods," like a wild beast; and whose talents are, also, renowned for packing a jury, and clearing the basest and blackest villians of the community, from the bar of justice—the gallows and the penitentiary; and, also, for playing a "strong game," by deal, management, lifts, and tricks, upon the elective franchise of the people, at the ballot boxes; and at the annual elections in the Legislature.

There is another, who has become publicly known as SANCHO the 2d—the Prime Minister of his Royal Master—whose talents consists in promulgating to his party, through the press, false theories and doctrines, and delusive constructions and conclusions upon the Constitution, and acts of the General Government.

There is another, who went over and joined the enemy, for office and money, like Arnold did to the British.

There is another, who is too feeble and embecile to fill his own Department.

We might continue the list—but the above is a fair sample.

In regard to the Judiciary, we can only say of them, GOD SAVE THE STATE, for their Honorable Honor's, are incompetent to do it.

The most shocking scene in the picture, is yet in the back ground.

There are two MONSTERS (Banks,) who have fastened their poisonous fangs, into the very hearts blood and life of the Treasury, and have so entwined their folds around the Government, that they cannot be easily shaken off, with their Branches of political bribery, at the expense of the people, well scattered through the interior: who, like the Vultures or the Buzzards, are preying upon the very vitals and existence of the Government and the Public Treasure.

We challenge truth to say, this is not a true picture!! And we would ask the people to look at it seriously, and say, at the next election, if they can entrust the government in the hands of such men any longer!!! They call themselves "UNION MEN," and hang out a "Democratic Republican Flag" as a decoy—but their acts are strictly "Federal"—selfish, and domestic despotism, regardless of the people, except for their annual suffrage.

This is no false picture, but shows the true sinking condition of our State Government, and its Public Treasure at home and abroad; and if the people wish to avoid the vortex, for their own happiness and that of the rising generation, they will shake off the delusions of the false "Union party," and make a determined and an inflexible effort, to call back such men as Clayton, Gilmer, Wilde, Gamble, Floyd, &c.—Men, whose talents flow spontaneously from a living and endless fountain of original mind—who have a self-confidence in the principles and rectitude of their public acts for the benefit of the people and the perpetuity of the "Rights of the States," and those of the General Government, upon the original Republican basis—and who are too high minded to dream of converting the Government of Georgia into land speculations, for their own private benefit, and of engendering the seed of deception—indirect bribery and mobbery, into the Legislature, to effect such an object.

We have said thus much, upon our own responsibility, and we sincerely hope that, the Convention of the "State Rights, Republican party," at Milledgeville, on the 17th inst. will take Judge Clayton's letter into serious consideration.

It contains sentiments, which speak for themselves, better than any comment we can make upon them.

What can be more noble and high minded!!! than for a man to have a soul to say, privately to a friend, (who he does not dream will divulge it,) that, "never having any other object in view, than the success of our principles, without regard to personal advantages, I most cheerfully give way to any plan that the party may think best, and will cordially co-operate in any nomination they may make."

The man who can say this, off hand, spontaneously, from a pure Republican heart, is the very man who ought to be Governor of Georgia. And if we cannot get him, at the Convention for a candidate, we would take our next choice—Gilmer!!!—and, if we could not get him, we would take our third choice—Floyd.

Judge Clayton's political enemies may give his principles as many nick-names, to deceive the people, as they please.—They are the true genuine "State Rights Republican" principles—which are the principles and doctrine of what strictly should be called, the "State Rights Republican party."

These are the honest views—sentiments and feelings of

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