

"MARTIN VAN BUREN AND RICHARD M. JOHNSON,— the Candidates of the Un. Dem. Rep. Party for President and Vice President. The first is in favor of free Negroes having a vote at elections, as is proved by his own vote in the New York Convention; and the latter is a *practical amalgamationist*, by having a black wife by whom he has reared a family of children, whom he attempts to impose upon decent society.— *A beautiful pair* for Southern people to support for the two highest offices of the American Government."

The above precious piece of decency is from the Southern Whig of last week. The charges contained in it are well worthy the source from whence they emanate, and the character of the *vehicles* which give them publicity at the south.

When we revert back to the scandalous charges of the same character which originated in the same quarter against the immortal Jefferson and the no less immortal Jackson, we cannot say that we are surprised to find the same hot bed of corruption (northern federalism) bringing forth in 1835, the same rank crop of scurrility which distinguished it in bygone years.

The charge against Mr. Van Buren is almost too contemptible to deserve the serious attention of his friends, even should it be true. \*For however repulsive the idea to us of the slave holding states, of free persons of colour being allowed the right of suffrage, yet we must reflect that in the non-slave holding states, where there are many tax paying citizens and holders of real estate of this class, and where the same reasons do not exist for withholding this right from *them*, the matter is looked upon in a very different light. Mr. Van Buren may have advocated the principle in the State of New York, where there are no slaves, but the whole history of his political life, and his well known views on the subject of slavery, are assurances that he would be among the last to favor its adoption in those states where slavery does exist. But even if this charge (gotten up for the purpose of injuring Mr. Van Buren at the south) were true, can it be so very abhorrent to southrons when they reflect, that at least one of the *southern* slave holding states have adopted the principle? North Carolina, if we are not mistaken, goes farther than New York—she allows her free negroes to vote in a body, whilst in New York those only are thus entitled who hold real estate to a certain amount—probably one in a thousand. Yet who ever heard of North Carolina's being abused for recognizing and establishing this principle even in the very heart of the south? No one!

The vulgar charge alledged against Col. R. M. Johnson in the above extract, is only worthy, as we said before, of the source (the federal Wig press) from whence it originated, and those filthy little sewers at the south who are used by them for the purpose of draining off and circulating the dirt and putridity which they generate. It is truly worthy of those who originated and circulated the vile slanders of the same character connecting the great and glorious name of Thomas Jefferson with that of "Yellow Sally," or as John Q. Adams has it, "dusky Sally," revised and enlarged and improved in proportion to the improvements in *decency* and *respectability* of modern wiggery over its worthy progenitor, blue light federalism.

Who is there that has any recollection of the high party excitement preceding and consequent on the late war with Great Britain, but must remember the disgusting and scandalous charge above alluded to? And who is there who does not recollect the outrageous attack of the same abandoned press, upon the private reputation of the venerable Jackson, and his virtuous and amiable family? With these recollections vividly on our minds, we say again that we at least were not surprised at the above gross attempt to affect injuriously the private character of that long tried and devoted patriot and statesman, Col. R. M. Johnson, the candidate of the republican party for the office of Vice President—a gentleman who has achieved more in 30 years for his country, than could the whole clan of his revilers were they all to live to the age of Methuselah.

Were Col. Johnson's private character so debased as his aspersers would have it, how, we would enquire is it, that for the last thirty years (only when engaged in fighting the battles of his country) he has been the *unopposed*, able and popular representative in Congress of perhaps as moral and religious a district as any in the state of Kentucky? And further, how is it that he has, throughout his long and able service in that body, contrived to maintain so elevated, and we may say so enviable a standing? A standing so exalted and an influence so overwhelming, that on a late occasion one of our *most distinguished* nullifying representatives (Judge Clayton,) acknowledged that he was constrained to withdraw a favorite motion involving a question of momentous consequences, "*because the gentleman (Col. Johnson) had flattered him!*" Let the people enquire, how these things can be, if Col. Johnson is the debased debauchee and reprobate the coalition would make him.