

It is remarkable what a profound silence the Van Buren papers observe on the subject of the Vice Presidency. They are as little desirous of speaking of Col. Johnson as of Martin Van Buren. Are we to understand that the party in Virginia have more fastidious stomachs than their brethren here? Are they more fastidious? Which is the true Democratic Van Buren Candidate, Judge Smith or Col. Johnson? The Rucker Caucus say the latter, the Richmond Caucus the former. When such learned Doctors disagree, who shall decide? How are the faithful to act? For which of these worthies are they to vote? We suppose in this State, Col. Johnson is the available candidate. Taking that for granted, we should like to be informed on what ground his pretensions to our suffrages are to be urged. For his principles? They notoriously do not accord with ours. Col. J's votes will shew him to have been in favour of the tariff, and of Internal Improvements, and his opinions in regard to "the great monster" did not appear very definitively made up, when he went with Judge Clayton to Philadelphia to investigate the Bank. Is it on the score of talents? We believe nobody supposes his understanding passes, if it even reach mediocrity. Great credit is claimed for him on account of one or two reports, to which it is true his name is signed, but which scarcely any well informed person believes he wrote. He has no standing as a statesman, literally none. We cannot imagine any grounds why he should be put forward for the second office in the Government, save it is his supposed killing of Tecumseh — Is every man who slays an Indian in this country therefore entitled to the first or second office in the Government? If they are, then are we likely to have more applicants than we can well dispose of.

Why does not the Albany Regency paper here, instead of glorifying Gen. Jackson, and uttering nonsense about things he does not understand, busy himself in letting the people know something of his candidates? Why not have the manliness to step forth from behind Gen. Jackson, and take the field boldly and openly for Van Buren and Johnson? He must come to it at last. This skulking and dodging cannot avail. The time has gone by when the community can be imposed upon by false issues. Come out, then, Mr. Standard, and let us know Col. Johnson's principles.