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“Communication.”

Mr. Clayton has invited the citizens of Clarke county to choose between him and Voter – Pray, sir, what do you mean? You know Voter is not a candidate for the legislature, and you admit that all his “charges and insinuations” go to prove what you really are – a Federalist (as the term is understood in England) – what, then, are the people to choose between you and voter? You mean, pitiful abuse of Voter, receives the attention it merits; in the mean time, the people need not be informed that Truth is the same, whether from the mouth of an Angel or a Demon.

Did you expect to escape the force of Voter’s charges by pleading ignorance of the ‘exact’ meaning of the terms Federalist and Republican? Electors of Clark county, mark the language of this *arch deceiver* – “I will here candidly [vow] to you that I do not, or ever have known, the *real* and *exact* (mark his words!) difference between the terms.” Wonderful ingenuity! – Did you, sir, ever know the difference between the administration of Mr. Adams, which you have so often eulogized, and that of Mr. Jefferson, which you have as often traduced. Why this very candid confession, and in this hypocritical way, just before an Election, and when you are a candidate for the legislature? It certainly would have come with a better grace from you some months since, and that before you eulogized the Federalists as men possessing all the virtue and talents of the country – which is a practice you, and your now abhorred Federalists (recollect, sire, you have shrunk from the name as abusive) are too prone to. If you really are ignorant of the distinction between Federalist and Republican, do you believe that you are the proper person to represent the people of Clark county? Would you like, sir, that your ignorance be informed? It is probable before the election we may give you some hints to help you out of this pitiable state of intellectual weakness.

TRUTH.