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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE
For Congress,
ALEXANDER R. BOTELER, ESQ.

FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON, of Albemarle, as a candidate for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals for the 3d Judicial Circuit.

We are authorized to announce Col. J. B. BIDLAW, of Augusta, as a candidate for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals for the 3d Judicial Circuit.

[Jan 27, 1860.]

OPPOSITION MEETING.

The weather, on Friday last, was such as to prevent the attendance of persons from the County, and the meeting called for at 12 o'clock was adjourned to meet on Saturday at the Court-House, at 12 o'clock.

PABULUS—ITS EFFECTS.

It is surprising,—and yet not surprising—at the influence of the above instrument upon some people. It has extenuated him, his neighbors of the Spirit so extenuates him, that his political friends can still hit him in their effusions. He is so captured with the present Representative in the Congress for a little sprinkling of almost that same sort of our noticing that others, and we might say older Democrats, are named. In Congress and elsewhere, and the more eccentric channels, is noticed with great concern. Because we are used to see Mr. Douglass and Isbell, and are accustomed by their Democratic friends, we are charged with "accused me modesty and genuine alacrity."

We can only say that we have nothing to do with the Democratic friends.

If they expect, as many desire, the defeat of Mr. Faulkner, they must defeat his nomination. If they expect the Opposition to aid them, we can only say that they will be disappointed. They have no right to calculate on two or three thousand Whig voters going over to the several hundred who may be disgruntled at the course of the present Representative. It would be only swamping the Devil for a Witch. It can't be did.

Our neighbor of the Spirit says—

"The Free Press is well aware that there is no hope of electing a Whig here, unless Democrats can be flattered and coaxed into his support. We appeal to the Democratic party to look out, for there may be breakers ahead. We warn them to be cautious, lest

in some unguarded moment they should give expression to some sentiment which will subsequently cause regret."

Not so—the opponents of Mr. F. of his own party, look to the Whig for aid in his defeat. And, we warn our Whig friends not to touch the "unclean thing." We hope Mr. Faulkner may be the nominee—we want our Democratic friends to have the full benefit of his services as a compensation for renegadism—we want him to represent "the party" until they will learn to have a proper respect for "first principles"—and learn also—as our neighbor is political—that

"Treason is traitor to the fox,
Who ne'er to tame, so charred, and locked up,
Will have a wild trick of his ancestor."

We can only say, in conclusion, that Mr. F. is acceptable to a portion of the Whig party as any other Democrat, though he may not be an atheist, and aspirants may act as they please, they cannot, and ought not, to expect "aid and comfort" from the Whig party, except to turn over to them occasionally some disappointed friends who are always welcomed with great cordiality—and all honor bestowed.

Some of Mr. F.'s principles, which have never been revisited, we may have occasion to present hereafter.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM:

Is not the bogus Democracy (says the Richmond Whig) the most perfectly reckless and unpriored party that ever existed? A few months ago, when the Opposition throughout the country were finding fault with the Administration for its extravagance, its corruptions, its profligate waste of the public money, its lawless excesses and policies, with one voice, indignantly repudiated the charge that the party in power had been extravagant at all! But now, their brazenery is retrenched and refined—thus admitting the truth of all that was alleged by the Opposition in regard to the extravagance of the party in power!

Wonder if these sly and unscrupulous politicians have the strength and breadth and height and depth of the extraordinary and amazing *spirit*? It will still recur to this subject again, evidence high Democratic testimony in support of the accusation of extravagance brought against the Democratic party by the Opposition.

ANDREW HUNTER, ESQ.

The Washington States in noticing the letter of this gentleman, says—

Andrew Hunter, in a letter to the Virginia Herald, withdraws as a candidate for nomination before the Whig Convention in Richmond. He says that "bodies private and personal considerations, there are no considerations of public duty, and of patriotic character, in the way."

[As the italicized sentence is ambiguous, would it not be well for Mr. H. to be a lit more explicit? His old friends would no doubt, be better satisfied.]

THE JEFFERSON GUARDS:

It is necessary, according to the provisions of the late Militia Law of Virginia, that in order to obtain equipments, fifty men must appear before the Colonel of the Home Guards Uniform. The Jefferson Guards are ordered out on Saturday, and it is believed every member of the company to be at his post. Let not a single man be absent. See the advertisement in another column.

WITHDRAWAL OF MR. BURTHER'S NAME.

BERKELEY COUNTY AFFAIRS.

It will be observed (says the Frederickburg Herald) by the following letter, that ANDREW HUNTER, Esq., of Jefferson, withdraws as a candidate for the nomination from before the Whig Convention which assembles in Richmond on the 10th proxime.

CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON CO., VA., Jan. 17, 1860.

J. HARRISON KELLY, Esq.—I believe it was in your paper, and through your partial kindness, that my name was withdrawn from the list of candidates for the Governorship of Virginia.

The suggestion however, came from another, and now from private information, recently received, I believe, it probably should have been withdrawn.

This state of things places me in the embarrassing position of having to make a choice.

One of the other high offices

which I have been offered, is the

position of Auditor of State.

It is a position which I am

desirous of occupying, but I am

not willing to do so without

the consent of the Whig party.

After all, I am not willing to do so without

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