

William Carroll to Andrew Jackson, October 4, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM CARROLL TO JACKSON.

Nashville, October 4, 1815.

During my late absence I had the pleasure of seeing many of the leeding characters of the States of K.y OHio and Penna, most of whom are solicitous that you should become a candidate for the next President. I was asked by many whether you would permit your name to be used or not but never having heard any thing from your self on the subject I was unable to give any answer. Mr. Baldwin¹ of Pitts.g a Lawyer of profound talents and great respectability is your friend, and is very solicitous on the subject; he informed me that he had no doubt of your success; that he had heard from many of the Eastern States who were favorably disposed towards you. When you have determined on the subject, I should (if consistent) be glad to know your vews.

¹ Henry Baldwin, whom Jackson appointed a justice of the Supreme Court in 1830. This letter, and Colonel Hynes's of Oct. 24 and Colonel Butler's of Nov. 7 (*post*) indicate that the sentiment of Jackson for President was strong in some sections of the country. Under these circumstances there may well have been truth in the rumor that some politicians wished to discredit him by making his treatment of Judge Hall the subject of impeachment proceedings.

Mr. Ross of Pitts.g,² a Lawyer of eminent Talents with whom you are no doubt acquainted, as I was informed, is highly displeased at the

² James Ross, U. S. senator 1794–1803.

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conduct of Judge Hall against you. He will be at Washington city this winter and would no doubt engage against the Judge, should you have determined to impeach him. The citizens of Pitts.g are extremely anxious that you should return that way; that an opportunity may be afforded them of expressing their gratitude to you for the signal services you have rendered your country.