

Ralph Eleazar Whiteside Earl to Andrew Jackson, July 17, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

RALPH E. W. EARL TO JACKSON.1

1 In the Jackson MSS. is a letter from Earl's sister, Mary A. Higbie, of Troy, N. Y., dated Jan. 23, 1828, telling Earl of the recent death of his mother.

Nashville, July 17, 1828.

D'r Sir, No doubt you have seen this man of war's *bold* epistle addressed to you in the Whig and Banner of Tuesday last.² How *brave* how *pitiful* , that this *pretended fighting* character should attack one who is tied hand and foot poor *contemptable retch* , who does he think is a going to wedge war against, a *Poltroon* and *Coward*. No! had he not have known the situation in which you was placed before the Public, and the impolitic measure it would be for your friends to make a fuss at this critical moment, he would as soon thought of runing himself into the fire of a furnace, as to have come out on you in the manner he has done. *Thank God* the day of *retribution* is close at hand when *such scoundrels* as *Boyd McNairy* will meet with their proper doom. I beg you will take the *cowardly production* from whence it came and treat it accordingly, *with contempt*. Hall will manage him.

2 Hostile letter by Dr. Boyd McNairy, president of the Nashville Bank.

May God prelong your life and that of Mrs. Jackson's for many years to come is the sincere prayers of not only myself, but *millions of the American People*.