

John Christmas McLemore to Andrew Jackson, September 25, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN C. MCLEMORE TO JACKSON.

Nashville, September 25, 1832.

Private

My Dear Friend, Your kind favour of the 23d Inst. handed by Mr. Chester is before me. Nothing of consiquence has occurred since you left us. Majr. Claiborne did not make his nullification speech as was expected on yesterday, and I am informed has declined di[s]cussing the subject before the Legislature—indeed he is as far as I can learn entirely silent—attempts were made to draw him out without success. Majr. Eaton is gaining ground, and will I am confident, be elected. Grundy is still loading the mails with letters to his friends to get up instructions to Vote for him. We are writing letters too to Counteract his movements, and some of the members have already recvd. counter instructions to Vote for Eaton. Our friends *are firm and decided*, and I have no hesitation, in assureing you, that Eaton will be Senetor, or that there will be no election this session. The election is put off to Friday the 5th day of October, and I *have no doubt* but that on that day John H Eaton will be declared by the proper authority, duly and constitutionally Senetor in Congress etc.

I have just been informed, that certificates are about to be obtained, stating that you have *no political* preference for Eaton, that it is merely a personal friendship, entertained for him, and that *politically* you prefer Mr. Grundy—they will try to make much of this. I, you *know* can contradict, this, and *will do so wherever* I meet it; but if you will write me a letter;

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substantially such as is herewith inclosed, the effect will be good. I may not use it, but I wish to have it ready to be, used by me with *great caution*. I feel intensely anxious for Eatons success and must guard every point, and I really think a letter similar to the one inclosed *may be necessary to success*. Write by the first mail. all our friends in good health.

Verry sincerely Your friend

[P. S.]¹ I have just come in while McL is closing his letter. What he states is true. Grundy is saying, that your opinions are not correctly represented;

¹ This postscript is signed "E", and was probably written by Major Eaton.

and that he would obtain certificates to shew your political desires are for him.

Letters to me to night from. Gallatin say that the fever is up since I came out. That all Grundys instruction men, are turning away[?] and in three days a majority of the County will direct Watkins and Boddie to vote against him. So much for his management of matters.