

Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, June 2, 1840, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO AMOS KENDALL. 1

1 Cincinnati Commercial, Feb. 5, 1879.

Hermitage, June 2, 1840.

My Dear Sir: I have just seen your letter of resignation in the Globe, and your announcement that you will, until next November, become the editor of the extra Globe. Altho I regret your resignation and still more the cause, still I am rejoiced that you will take hold of the extra Globe, as I well know you will give life and spirit to the paper, as well as to the democratic republican party throughout the union. The present crisis requires this, and all our papers require a stimulus to call things by their proper names, and to bring to the view of the people the present attempt of the Federalists to bring our republican system into perfect contempt by holding forth to the world there are none fit to rule a representative Government but those who drink sour cider and live in Logg cabins. 2 Was there ever such an attempt to degrade our republican system and bring it into perfect disgrace by the Federalists and all its unprincipled coalitions? This, by your pen, can be brought before the people in such strong colours that will destroy the opposition, and cause them and their humbug, to be deprecated by all men who are in favour of a republican government and representative system. It is only necessary to bring this attempt to degrade and distroy our government by the hard cider system fairly before the people, to destroy them.

2 Referring to slogans of the Whigs in the campaign of 1840.

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By the way of a small encouragement I enclose you a five dollar Tennessee Bank bill just handed me by a Mr. William W. Gift, of Holly Springs, Mississippi, with a request that you will forward to his address to that place, five copies of the extra Globe. It is impossible here now to get Eastern funds to remit. Mr. Gift is a thorough going democrat, and wishes the five to be enclosed to him for distribution.

I enclose you a quarter Eagle, sealed to this letter, for which you will please send me two copies, one for myself and the other for Major A. J. Donelson, which you will please send to my address.

If you have leisure please write me and give me the political views of Washington. Our democratic members from some cause get on badly in Congress. Why is it that the independent treasury bill has not yet been acted upon? The passage of that bill now would have a fine effect upon our republican cause. . . .