

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, July 14, 1843,
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class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, July 14, 1843.

. . . . I have evidence to believe, that Mr. Tyler will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1844. The Madisonian is endeavouring to unite a capital which is to accrue ultimately to the benefit of Mr. Calhoun. The great object of the Madisonian and Philadelphia Mercury appears to me is to write you and Mr. VanBuren down and Calhoun up, by defending Mr. Tyler as a democrat, and presenting him to the national convention as such for nomination for the Presidency, knowing that Mr. Tyler has declared he will not be a candidate, and if he was that he has no hope of being the nominee. but Jones ¹ is looking to the printing for congress, and if he can add to Mr. Tylers party, and in due time transfer this interest to Mr. Calhoun, he will open his way to his party and obtain their support for printer. This you will find to be the ultimate views of these Editors. There is a strong secrete undercurrent to put you and your paper down, and VanBuren with it. But in this, all hypocrites, and apostates will fail. From all I hear Mr. VanBuren will be the nominee; and by him alone can the corruption, slander, and humbugery that lost him his election, be justly rebuked by the people.

¹ John B. Jones, proprietor of the Madisonian.

I have seen with pain, that there were a secrete party forming to put you and your paper down if they could and defeat Mr. VanBuren as the nominee but fear not, persue the

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even tenor of your ways, keeping principle for your guide, public good the end, and the democracy will sustain you.

Says Mr. Hopkins, M.C. of virginia to me that the entire democracy of virginia go for VanBuren. From every part of Tennessee, the news 0248 224 is cheering. Polk will be elected, a majority in the Legislature, and at least 8 out of the eleven members of Congress. If this be realised, you will have a strong support in Tennessee. Therefore I again say fear not, persue with energy the even tennor of your ways. Main and New Hampshire will go for vanBuren—No influence can change them, or dare shew its head there. The democracy of Connecticut and Massachusetts will go with main and New Hampshire and I believe a great majority of the states west and southwest will go for VanBuren. Rumor says Louisiana has elected all democrats to congress—if this be true V.B. will get that state and you will get the vote for printer, god grant. . . .

I have had a severe attack lately, am to day better, but my head greatly afflicted. Our fine new born babe has been ill but is mending—before yr letter reached us, thinking as I was of Emuckfau heights, Enotochopco, and Talladega, we named the son Robert Armstrong—remembering when he fell desperately wounded, he cryed out, some may fall, but my brave fellows, save the cannon. Therefore the name, that if the child live, he may perchance aid in saving the Republic, and perpetuating our glorious Union.