

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, January 5, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, January 5, 1844.

My dear Mr. Blair, I am indebted to you three letters not replied to. I have been much afflicted or they would have been replied to. They are of the 16th, 18th, and 25th of December last. I have carefully examined and noted them all, that of the 18th of December inclosing Mr. Wrights as well as the others gave me great pleasure. Mr. Wrights breaths that spirit that I expected and the originaters of the report that the friends of Mr. Calhoun would run him as vice president, was an attempt to injure Mr. V. B., it was a feeler. But I cannot suppose Mr. C. could countenance such a move. The patriotic course adopted by Mr. Buchannan, will not only endear him to the democratic party throughout the union, but insures the nomination to Mr. VanBuren, and I would not be astonished if all the ballance of candidates would adopt Mr. Buchannans honorable course. be this as it may, it will make no difference as to the result, it would strengthen and unite the democracy to a man and overwhelm, Clay and the coons, at the Presidential election next fall and give V.B. a larger vote than ever was given to any candidate for the presidency, and establish the democratic principles forever. Your triumphant election 1 in which I glory, is a foretaste to such a result. Your letter of the 25th I have read with great Pleasure.

1 As printer.

I cannot express by words the height of my gratitude to Mr. Ingersol for his unsolicited friendship and great labour, in his continued exertions to do my memory Justice, and to

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remove from the records of my country, the foul stain attempted to be cast upon me by a judge sitting in his own cause, and refusing to hear my defence, and altering a record, from the 5th to the 6th to shew from the record that I had arrested him before he had attempted to interfere with the police of my camp. The judge was in confinement on the 6th and could not issue a process but the alteration was to sweep from under me my defence when he and the clique sued me for the false imprisonment or indicted me. I cannot write Mr. Ingersol until the vote is taken, for the opposition would ascribe the part he has taken to unworthy motives when his motives are of the purest kind, Justice. It will afford me great pleasure to hear that the senate pass the bill on the 8th. Please present me kindly to Mr. Ingersol. Col. Benton, Mr. Wright Mr. Buchanan, and all my democratic friends in congress. My dear friend Doctor Linn is not there to receive my sincere gratitude. . . .

I am labouring under great difficulty of breathing, and debility, particularly in the morning, But submitting with calm resignation to the will of that Just god who holds us all in the hollow of his hand.

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With our kindest wishes for the prosperity of you, your amiable Lady, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, and every Branch of your family, I am requested to say what sincere pleasure it would afford to all to see you and our dear friend Mrs. Blair at the Hermitage with any of your family that would accompany you. What a hearty welcome you would all receive. If I do not meet you again in this world, I hope to meet you all in the happy realms above where peace and joy forever more exists.

I rejoice to learn that Emucka is in foal. I hope she may safely bring it forth and that it may Eclips Eclips, both the English and american. 2 May all our blessings be bestowed upon you and every branch of your family both here and hereafter, is the sincere prayer of yr. friend

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2 The English Eclipse was so named because foaled during the eclipse of 1764. The American horse of that name was foaled in 1814.