

Andrew Jackson Donelson to Andrew Jackson, May 29, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Baltimore, May 29, 1844.

Dear Uncle, The dark sky of yesterday has been succeeded by the brightest day democracy has witnessed since your election. Polk has been unanimously chosen by the convention after a thorough consideration of all other claims. The moment his nomination was made every difference of opinion seemed to disappear, and the magnanimous conduct of New York represented by Mr. Butler who made a powerful speech withdrawing Mr. Van Buren imparted a feeling which was electric and overwhelming. The convention will proceed in an hour to the balloting for Vice President. I hope the same unanimity will prevail in favor of Mr. Wright who has been named as the choice of Va. 1

1 The Baltimore convention nominated Silas Wright as the Democratic candidate for the vice-presidency, but he declined at once, and George M. Dallas was named in his place.

We feel relieved. No one entertains a doubt of the vigorous and united action of the whole party. I shall go to Philadelphia in the morning and will return in a day or two for home.

yr. affectionate nephew,