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AN ACT to change the terms of the District Court of the United States for the Kentucky District.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, the sessions of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Kentucky district, shall commence and be holden on the first Monday of May & of November, in each year, instead of the terms now appointed by law.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all motions, process, pleas, and suits, returnable to the term of said court, before appointed to be holden in April next, shall stand adjourned and continued over to the May term, next appointed by this act, and shall be as effectual in law as if the said April term had not been abolished.

Washington, March 24th, 1824.

Approved: JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ in the General Land Office, for a term not exceeding twelve months, one assistant draughtsman and two colorers, for the purpose of completing the maps directed to be made by a resolution of the Senate of the United States, passed on the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

Washington, March 24th, 1824.

Approved: JAMES MONROE.

The following lines were written by the celebrated John Trumbull, author of *McFingal*, and addressed to Miss Nancy Cook, in the year 1776. The circumstances which gave rise to them were as follows:

Trumbull and Thomas Wooster, both of whom have since been men of eminence, were fellow students at law at Governor Griswold's, father of the late governor of Connecticut—Both of them were in the habit of visiting the family of the Hon. John P. Cook, whose daughter Nancy was a young lady of uncommon beauty and accomplishments.—Wooster became extravagantly fond of her, but she conducted with the prudence becoming her station, not manifesting any partiality for him more than for others who visited the house. At one of these parties, Trumbull, who was always full of vivacity, observed to Nancy, that Tom was so bashful he never could tell her how much he loved her, & therefore he would persuade him to address her by letter. Soon after Trumbull wrote the following witty lines, and sent them to Nancy, without the knowledge of Wooster; but as all concerned knew that it was the production of Trumbull, none were offended, and it became the subject of frequent mirth at their family parties. It is supposed that it was published about that time; but this communication was taken from the original, found a few years since in the drawer of the table occupied by Trumbull and Wooster, and all others who subsequently studied law in that office:

To thee, Dear Nancy, thee my sweeting,
Poor Colonel Thomas sendeth greeting,
Whereas, so pleas'd the powers above,
I'm fallen most desperately in love,
For Cupid took a station sly,
In one bright corner of your eye,
And from his bow let-det fly a dart,
Which miss'd my ribs and pierced my heart
Fierc'd through and through, and passing
further,

Put all my insides out of order
Nor this the only plague I found;
Love entered at the viewless wound;
As mice into a Cheese will creep
Through some small scratch and entering
deep,

While all without looks fair and well
They leave your cheese an empty shell.
So thievish love, when once got through,
Stole and bore off my heart to you,
And left me heartless still at ease
An empty shell like foeseid cheese.

Colonel Tom being in great smart
Beseech thee to return my heart;
Or else to cure my ceaseless man,
Make an exchange and send your own.

Oh! Nancy, thee I love more fully
Than ever Hudibras lov'd Tully,
Not Eneas of old, nor Dido,
Could love one half as much as I do.
I hold my Nancy more a goddess
Than Venus gay, or Dian modest;
Throughout the world thy glories shine,
Nor hath the sun such power as thine;
Thy beauty keeps the world together,
Thy looks make fair the cloudy weather;

And if a drought should come again,
If you would frown I know 't would rain.
For you the earth produces flowers,
For you clouds drop in lovely showers;
Fruits only grow that you may eat,
And pigs and calves to find you meat.
You cheering smiles which we observe,
Should you withdraw, the world would
starve;

Earth would refrain her wonted store,
And plums and peaches be no more.
Oh Nancy! would you love but me,
How mighty glad poor Tom would be;
I'd stick to you like pitch forever,
Not chance nor fate our love would sever.
Then love me Nancy, for I tell you
I am a pretty clever fellow;
And you must think 'tis true, for why?
No one can tell as well as I.
Here follow then, without objections,
The "rent-roll" of poor Tom's perfections:
Know then all womankind, that I,
When stretch'd out straight, am six feet
high,

Whence from plain reasoning it appears
I'm one of nature's Grenadiers;
(Yet I do whisper this between us—
Serve only in the wars of Venus.)
I'm fair, and one good sign observe is,
I have red hair Ma'am at your service.
Of wit I brag not, yet have brains
Enough to walk in when it rains;
I know the odds twixt cheese and chalk,
To tell a handsaw from a hawk;
To ca-e a man if he abuse me,
And hang myself if you refuse me.

From the True American.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Our readers may recollect that about a year ago, in a brief article on this subject, intended solely to correct a misrepresentation which had gone abroad and was industriously circulated, we stated our belief, founded on the best information we had been able to collect, that Mr. ADAMS was, at that time, decidedly the most popular candidate in this state, though we could not, of course, predict, what change might be made in public opinion by discussion—to which we then opened our columns. We did not in that article, nor in any subsequent one, intimate which candidate we preferred ourselves; our desire being to leave our readers uninfluenced by our own opinion, that they might weigh with unbiased minds the arguments of others. We contented ourselves with stating, from time to time, such facts as would keep our readers apprized of the existing state of public sentiment on this important subject in this and other states, without entering at all into the controversy; and although probably nine-tenths of all the original communications we published on the subject, were from the pen of a veteran politician opposed to Mr. ADAMS; yet relying on the discernment and intelligence of our readers, we did not accompany those communications with a single comment.

But as it is at all times the duty of an Editor to furnish his readers with correct information on every important subject; so there are occasions when it is his right to submit his own opinion with frankness, leaving his readers to give it what weight they deem it entitled to. Such an occasion, we believe, now presents itself. The election for President is not far distant—there are several candidates for the office—and while we abstain from any invidious comparisons, we trust we shall be excused for declaring our preference, and supporting it with such observations and suggestions as have occurred to us.

That preference is given, on mature reflection, and with a single eye to the welfare of our country, to JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. We may err in our judgment, but we know our motives are pure. No private feelings or views could influence us on so momentous a question. The happiness of ten millions of People, outweighs with us all other considerations; and if we thought that this object would be better promoted by any other candidate than by Mr. ADAMS, that Candidate should have our suffrage. Our uniform devotion to the Republican cause for nearly thirty years, is the best evidence we can offer of our sincerity on the present occasion—our efforts as an Editor for more than twenty years to contribute to the union and success of the Republican party, form our pledge that we do not seek to divide or defeat it now. Our convictions that the principles and views of the Republicans are most consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and with the dictates of sound policy, and the most conducive to the liberty and prosperity of the country, have been confirmed by every year's experience and observation; and the progress of events in the old world has more and more endeared to us our Republican Institutions, which secure to

us a freedom and happiness no where else enjoyed.

Our attachment to Mr. ADAMS is founded upon his long experience in public affairs abroad and at home—upon the talents he has uniformly displayed in maintaining the honor and interests of our country—and upon the inflexible integrity he has manifested in the various responsible stations which he has occupied. Nearly his whole life has been spent in the service of his country; and we know not that he can be justly charged with a single act derogatory to his character as a true patriot, a sound statesman, and an honest man.

Thirty years ago, [in 1794] he was first appointed Resident Minister at the Netherlands by President WASHINGTON; who in 1796 transferred him to Portugal in the same capacity. Early in 1797, Mr. ADAMS, then President-elect, having intimated to President WASHINGTON his intention to withdraw his son from his diplomatic employment, received the following answer:—

"Monday 20th Feb. 1797.

"DEAR SIR,—I thank you for giving me the perusal of the enclosed. The sentiments do honor to the head and heart of the writer, and if my wishes would be of any avail, they should go to you in the strong hope that you will not withhold merited promotion from Mr. John Quincy Adams, because he is your son. For without intending to compliment the father or mother, or to censure any others, I give it as my decided opinion, that Mr. Adams is the most valuable public character that we have abroad, and that there remains no doubt in my mind that he will prove himself the ablest of all our diplomatic corps. If he was now to be brought into that line, or any other public walk, I could not upon the principles which have regulated my own conduct, disapprove of the caution which is hinted at in the letter.—But he is already entered. The public more and more, as he is known, are appreciating his talents and worth, and the country would sustain a loss if these were to be checked by over delicacy on your part. With sincere esteem and affectionate regard, I am ever yours.

GEORGE WASHINGTON."

Mr. ADAMS.

In consequence, as we presume, of this eulogium and advice, President ADAMS, during the same year, appointed his son Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia, where he concluded a treaty of commerce, and remained until 1801, when he returned home. In 1802 he was elected to the Senate of his native state; and at the end of one year, was appointed by the Legislature of that state a Senator in Congress for six years.—The support he gave to the Republican administration while in that body,—his energetic vindication of the measures of that administration—and his resignation of his seat in the Senate rather than aid in the unrighteous and impolitic opposition which was organized at the eastward—combine to prove his independence, integrity and patriotism; and to recommend him in the most forcible manner to the affection and confidence of the Republican Administration and party. In 1809, President MADISON appointed him Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia—on his return in 1811 one of the Judges of the Supreme Court—in 1813, Minister Plenipotentiary to Ghent—and in 1815 Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to England. In 1817, President MONROE appointed him Secretary of State; which office he has continued to fill until this time.

Detesting flattery no less than we do slander, we shall pronounce no panegyric upon the zeal, fidelity, and ability with which these various important trusts have been discharged; we shall not descant upon the excellent opportunities afforded him of acquiring a large fund of valuable information, nor upon the diligence and perseverance with which those opportunities were improved; but proceed to notice briefly some objections which have been urged against his election to the Presidency.

His having been so much of his time in Europe, is objected to him by some. Had he brought home with him any of the follies or vices of the various courts he visited, this objection would be forcible, if not conclusive. But will any one pretend that this is the fact? Is he not, on the contrary, remarkable for the plainness of his dress, the simplicity of his manners, and the purity of his morals? And is it not a strong testimony of the excellence of his character, that he should have resided so long in the corrupt and licentious courts of Europe, without being seduced by the allurements, or contaminated by the examples, around him? And if his time abroad was employed in the faithful discharge of his official duties, and

in making himself perfectly acquainted with the principles, views, and interests of the governments to which he was sent, ought this to disqualify him for an office where this very information may be of the utmost consequence to his country? Is it not rather a weighty recommendation to him for the office, that he knows so thoroughly the policy, practices, and resources, of the several governments with which he are most likely to come into collision; and that he is so well versed in Diplomacy, that he need be under no apprehension of encountering a superior, if he should indeed ever meet his equal?

It has been said, that a President ought not to be chosen from among the Heads of Departments. Yet from these, Presidents have been chosen, who have been approved for their wisdom, justice, and patriotism. Mr. JEFFERSON was Secretary of State to General Washington—Mr. MADISON was Secretary of State to Mr. JEFFERSON—Mr. MONROE was Secretary of State to Mr. MADISON—and did any evil ensue from the election of these eminent Patriots and Statesmen? Would it have been discreet or proper to pass them by, merely because they had already occupied stations which gave them a full view of our foreign and domestic interests, and qualified them to enter at once upon the arduous task of protecting and cherishing both? If a President does his duty in the selection of his Ministers, they will always be taken from the most capable and faithful of our citizens; and then, when they shall have enlarged that capacity, and approved that fidelity, are they to be proscribed by an ostracism as ignominious to them, and as injurious to their country, as that of Athens was to her best citizens and to herself? We may have hundreds of men qualified to administer our government; but how shall we know them, unless they are first tried in subordinate stations; and what station so well calculated to develop their fitness or unfitness for that high office, as that of Head of one of the Departments, and constitutional and confidential adviser to the President? It is to be said that this situation affords an opportunity to the incumbent to employ intrigue to effect his advancement; we reply, that those who use this opportunity for such a purpose ought alone to suffer for it; and that we believe the most decided opposer of Mr. ADAMS will not charge him with having made the slightest effort toward his own elevation.

It is urged against Mr. ADAMS that he was once a Federalist. This is not improbable. During the early struggles between the two parties, he was in Europe, and naturally drew his information of passing events at home from his immediate connections and friends, and may thus have been prepossessed in favor of the federalists, and prejudiced against the republicans. It was by the federal party he was elected to the senate of the U. States, and this may be supposed to have strengthened the ties which attached him to that party. And yet, what was his conduct? As soon as he discovered their anti-American and anti-republican views, sooner than aid or acquiesce in them, he resigned his seat. This masterly defence of the measures of our government, can never be forgotten. It was hailed with the loudest acclamations by the whole republican party, from one extreme of the Union to the other. It was republished in all the republican papers with high encomiums; and circulated with the utmost industry in every direction, to counteract the pernicious effects of the writings of Mr. Pickens and others. By that act his connection with the federal party was dissolved forever; and from that time forward he has been faithful in his adherence to the successive administrations of Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MADISON, and Mr. MONROE, the two last of whom have manifested the most perfect confidence in his political integrity, as well as in his superior ability. Are such men apt to be mistaken in their knowledge of character? Or would they confide to a federalist, or other avowed or in disguise, the most important offices in their gift? His Fourth of July Oration, some years since, received almost universal praises from the staunch republicans, and very general approbation from the high toned federalists. And after all this, are we to be gravely told that Mr. ADAMS is not a republican? Ought not almost twenty years of alienation from the federal, and devotion to the republican party, to convince us of his sincerity, and entitle him to our confidence? It is true, he has never said in so many words "I am a republican"; but have not his actions spoken louder than words could do? And is there to be no forgiveness of early errors, although they are abandoned when experience

and observation have proven them to be such? Are we continually laboring to make proselytes, and will we yet reject and distrust all who join us from deliberate conviction? Unless we recruit our party in this way, how are we to supply the loss it is constantly experiencing from the defection of the dissatisfied and disappointed? The truth is, that many of our firmest & most zealous republicans are found among those who joined our standard during the progress of our difficulties with Britain; while too many of those who set out early with the party, have either deserted and betrayed it, or become lukewarm and inactive. For the reality of these facts we appeal to every intelligent reader, who on casting his eyes around him, can see but too many evidences of the truth of the latter assertion.

A still more unreasonable objection to Mr. ADAMS is, that he is a son of the former federal president. This is true—but shall we, contrary to scripture, reason, and justice, visit the sins of the father upon the son? Is it not declared in the former, that "It shall no more be said the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth have been set on edge." And is not this dictate of divine truth conformable to our own ideas of what is reasonable and equitable? Having, by abolishing hereditary government declared that we will not permit any man to build upon his father's merits; are we not bound by the same principle not to condemn him for his father's misdeeds? Would it not be fair and right that Mr. Adams should be permitted to stand upon the same footing with other candidates, viz. upon his own services & qualifications? But perhaps it is meant by this objection that Mr. Adams would be apt to pursue the same policy as his father did. If so, we must pronounce the apprehension unfounded. Having seen and felt the consequences which resulted to his father from permitting himself to be led by artful & designing men into a course of measures hostile to the liberties and repugnant to the feelings of the people, he would be one of the last persons in the Union to recommend or countenance such measures. To suppose he would tread in his father's steps, knowing where those steps inevitably led, would be supposing him destitute of common sense, and reflection. We cannot believe that any such fear can be seriously entertained. But supposing it possible that he could be inclined to imitate his father's example, at the risk of incurring his fate, he would arouse the immediate opposition of the senate in relation to appointments, and of both houses in regard to measures; and while he would be thwarted in his purposes by these co-ordinate branches of the government, he would be overwhelmed by the reproaches, and discarded by the suffrages of the people.

(To be concluded in our next.)

The Presidency—The Baltimore Patriot warmly advocates the pretensions of Mr Adams to the presidency. Inasmuch, says the editor, as New England has uniformly supported the Virginia candidates for that office heretofore, justice, common courtesy, republicanism; the very essence of which is a spirit of mutual concession, call on Virginia now to support the candidate, not of New England, but whom New England supports.

South Carolina—The Intelligencer says:—Now the darling of this state (Mr Calhoun) has surrendered his chance as hopeless, the people will no doubt turn their attention to the man, richly deserving the highest honors of the country; the veteran statesman, and polished scholar, John Quincy Adams. We think him now unquestionably the man of South Carolina: more especially, if we are permitted to judge from his popularity in this section of the state—here he stands unrivalled.

A gentleman of respectability in Richmond, speaking of Mr Adams, writes as follows:—"I am firmly persuaded that a majority in this city are in his favor, and we contemplate calling a meeting to nominate him. Mr Adams' supporters here are of the most respectable character." A letter from Lynchburgh, says, "In this quarter of the country, Mr Adams' popularity is unquestionable, & the majority of his ticket will be overwhelming."

At a public meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, John Q. Adams was nominated for president, and Andrew Jackson, for vice president.

