



LETTER FROM MR. RIVES.

The following letter from the Hon. William C. Rives, as will be seen from its face, was written to a personal and political friend in Missouri; but another gentleman having learned...

most fully convert our noble popular institutions into the hands of a few aristocrats...

Washington, Jan. 1st, 1844. My Dear Sir:—It seems to be now generally settled, that the country is to be called upon to ratify the election pronounced by it in 1840...

In this state of things, we are, who have so often testified, in the face of the world, our deep and earnest conviction of the fall and demerits of Mr. Van Buren's whole system of political action...

The election of Chief Magistrate of the nation, is one of those vital processes, provided by the Constitution of the country, for the perpetuation of its government...

Now, I would ask, what is there to be apprehended from Mr. Clay's election, which ought to be regarded as a calamity...

With respect to the Bank, if the country shall be reduced to a choice between the odious and grinding Sub-Treasury Scheme, and a National Bank...

As little shall we permit ourselves to be "frightened from our property" by the old and hollow expedient of a senseless and arbitrary law of party names...

In 1840, the American people, upon the fullest and most deliberate consideration, have elected a political controversy—of the friends as well as of the opponents of Mr. Van Buren—recorded their votes against him by such a majority as before signifies a permanent and final decision...

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Virginia Legislature.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Richmond, Jan. 9, 1844.

The bill reducing the pay of members after 75 days, with the Senate's amendment to the effect that the pay should be reduced to \$1000...

Mr. Stephens called upon those who were in favor of the bill, to oppose the motion to lay on the table...

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