

Upson County, Georgia, 2nd March 1847

To The Editors of the "Union"

I do not expect, amidst the great influx, upon you, of the evidences of the universal outburst of the feelings of indignation and disgust of the Democratic party, produced by your exclusion from the Senate Chamber, that the expression of those felt by an obscure individual of an obscure corner of the State of Georgia, will do any thing more than to add a modicum to the swelling torrent.

Yet, I believe it to be an appropriate duty of every Republican to come forward and write his voice with the tens of thousands that will be raised to cheer you with the merited plaudit of "well done, thou good & faithful servant;" and to sustain you against the contemptible effort to mortify you as men, and degrade you as editors. The perpetrators of ^{that} outrage upon the freedom of the press, will, if I am not greatly deceived, soon be made sensible of the enormous weight of odium which will rest upon them; more especially that portion of them who represent a Democratic constituency. Nothing better was to have been expected from the Federalists who have ever been the advocates of the "gag"; but, whatever disorganizing tendencies may have been exhibited by certain professed Democrats, no one could have supposed them bold enough or base enough to assist in fixing it upon you. Any surprise that may be occasioned by this circumstance, however, can only have reference to the attempt to muzzle the press. That there would be a coalition of that portion of Senators under the lead of Mr. Calhoun, with the Federal party, for the purpose of breaking down the administration of Mr.

Polk, I have never doubted. Indeed it is just what I expected of the South Carolina senator. For he has "wired in, and wired out" until I have long ceased to regard him in any other light than a disorganizer, and never doubted, since he retired from Mr. Tyler's cabinet, that he, who threw himself into the arms of the federalists in 1833 to break down the administration of Gen. Jackson, would do the same thing to ruin Mr. Polk's. This being my opinion of the "Chivalrous Southerner," I confess I am rather pleased than otherwise at the late denouncement in the senate, as it removes suspense, and places the senator in a position where all will know where to find him.

And what is to be said of the two juvenile statesmen;—the newly fledged,—or as they would be quaintly styled here, in Georgia, shirt tail senators, of Florida? If notoriety was their object, they ~~will~~ assuredly realized it, with a sufficient accompaniment of infamy. Their known subserviency to their distinguished leader of S. Carolina, while it in no degree mitigated the odium, certainly diminishes the responsibility, so far as they are concerned, of the assault upon you, and through you, upon the Republican party. Mr. Westcott must have determined from his knowledge of his own heart, that the sentence of condemnation which he pronounced against the government of his Country, was just; for such a sentence could only have proceeded from a corrupt source. And fiery as Mr. Yulee seems, he will I swear grow tame under the ^{reiteration} ~~prolongation~~ of the loud toned denunciations, which

he is doomed to hear, and which will ^{yet} be hurled against the
Senate, by the people of this Union, for the Mexican battles fought
and "Victories" won on the floor of the Senate Chamber.

If the democracy of Florida is made of the right stuff, these
gentlemen will receive a rebuke at their hands that may
prove a warning to future upstarts.

To you gentlemen, Editors, I feel well assured no ex-
hortation to boldness or constancy in ^{the} performance of your duty
is necessary. Veterans of a thousand battles are not to be
demolished by a skirmish of this sort. But it is proper
for you to feel & know that the Republican party will
rally to your standard, and rescue the freedom of the
from this attempted pollution.

Your Most Ob. Servt.
and An Old Republican
David Kendall

P.S. Gentlemen. The above is written solely with the view of solacing
your feelings and indicating the rising spirit of the democracy,
but if you should deem it worthy to accompany others
of the kind which are pouring in upon you, in the columns
of the Union, please suppress the name, and ^{substitute} ~~insert~~ that
of "An Old Republican". Accept my best respects
and sincere wishes for your success personally & politically.
D.K.