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POLITICAL.

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND.

BY THE WHIG CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE STATE.

No subject connected with the Political contest is so important to the people of Maryland, as that of the disposition of the public lands, held by the Government of the United States.

The reasons and inferences are submitted, in the belief that they are fair and just, and such as any dispassionate mind will approve.

The political party which sustains Mr. V. Buren, has ever been, and now is, opposed to the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands.

The plan of Mr. Clay's land bill was to pay the proceeds of the public lands to the States, in proportion to their population.

This method of distribution was to last for five years, unless the United States should, within that time, be involved in a war with a foreign power, in which event it was to cease.

We have seen in what way and by whom this effort and salutary measure was defeated.

and bill has been quoted for the purpose of showing the number of acres of the public domain.

There are ten hundred and eighty millions of acres. The Indian title has been extinguished in three hundred and ninety million acres.

Whether the question of a transfer of the public lands be considered in the limited or more extensive view of it which has been stated, it is one of the highest importance, and demanding the most deliberate consideration.

It is difficult to conceive a question of greater magnitude than that of relinquishing this immense amount of national property.

When the distribution bill of 1832 was passed by Congress, and voted by Gen. Jackson, Maryland was estimated to contain a population of four hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and forty three people.

and twenty-five cents per acre, but at sixty-four and a half cents per acre, which would be entitled to receive as her proportion of this property, the sum of fourteen millions, five hundred and twenty-five thousand, five hundred and one dollars.

The opponents of the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands, urge that their sale cannot be placed at once, and that a long time must elapse before the whole of the public domain can be disposed of.

What would be the effect on the interest of Maryland of the passage of the distribution bill? The debt of Maryland, contracted in her efforts to complete her canal, amounts to fifteen millions of dollars.

The immediate and certain effect of the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands would be to enable Maryland to complete her public works and render them available.

To secure these blessings what is necessary? When the expenditures of the general government shall be reduced to the lowest possible amount consistent with the interests of the people, there will be no difficulty in accomplishing the distribution of the lands.

may be called unavoidable payments. They consist of trust funds, indemnities, and refunding claims of States for war debts.

The history of the country has recorded the fact that when Mr. Adams became president, the government was compelled to create a new national debt, and to issue treasury notes to the amount of ten millions of dollars.

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last session of Congress, to raise by direct taxation the entire revenues of the general government. His plan was to abolish all duties, to enter all goods free. Such an idea would have been deemed the extreme of folly.

The adoption of Mr. Rhet's plan would compel the people of Maryland, to raise by direct taxation, their proportion of the expenditures of the general government.

These views may be alarming, but they are just. The wisest mode to avoid dangers is to anticipate them, and, if possible, to avert them.

The question now presented is, shall we quietly retrace our steps, or shall we, while we can, discard the rulers who have thus oppressed us and fight for our prospective freedom?

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. THE LECTURES OF THE FACULTY OF PHYSIC OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, will commence the ensuing term on the FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER next, and will continue until the FIRST DAY OF MARCH following.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY COURT. APPLICATION to the Judges of Prince Georges County Court, by petition in writing, of William B. Sedgwick, of Prince Georges County, that he is now in custody of law, and praying for the benefit of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1835, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms therein mentioned;

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