

JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRAT.

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Set President of the United States, [The Nominee of the Democratic National Convention.]

Democratic State Electors.

- JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS, of Marshall.
JEFFERSON DAVIS, of Warren.
JOSEPH BELL, of Winston.
H. S. FOOTE, of Hinds.
ARTHUR FOX, of Lawrence.
R. H. BOONE, of Tishomingo.

The Rev. Frederick Harman will preach at the Academy in this place, on Wednesday evening, April 24th, at early candle-lighting.

Oh, Yes! Oh, Yes!!—The Circuit Court of Attala commences its session on Monday next.

Mr. Abner Kelly informs us that on the 15th of March, Mr. Levi Gray, of Leake County, and three sons, and a lad named Blackwell, found a bee-tree, cut it down, and eat of the honey found therein, which it seems was of a poisonous nature. One of Mr. L.'s sons died; himself and other sons, and the lad Blackwell, were much affected, having very hard fits, and a swimming in the head, blindness, &c.

The Hon. R. W. Roberts and W. H. Hammet, will receive our thanks for public documents.

By the late foreign news we learn that the State Trials have finally closed, finding Daniel O'Connell and his associates guilty of conspiracy.

We are indebted to a friend for a copy of the 'Mississippian Extra,' of the 5th inst., from which we copy the following:

THE SINKING FUND—THE LAW DEFIED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE PLANTERS BANK AT NATCHEZ—WILL THE PEOPLE SUBMIT?

The Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund (Gen'l Young,) returned to the Capital last evening from Natchez, whither the commissioner had repaired to take into possession the assets of the Sinking Fund held by the Planters' Bank. Col. MATTHEWS, the Auditor, is, ex officio, one of the trustees of the fund, and stood ready to deliver the assets to the officer of the government duly appointed under an act of the Legislature at its last session. He was overruled by the trustees on the part of the Bank, Messrs. Mandeville and Walworth; and so the commissioner returned without accomplishing the object of his mission. Thus, the laws of the land are set at defiance by the President and Cashier of a swindling corporation. In the open blaze of day, robbery and malfeasance in office stalk abroad. This fund was set apart to pay the bonds, the right of the State to control it, was never questioned. The Bankers of Natchez have assumed a fearful responsibility. From the known energy of Governor Downs, they may expect the enforcement of the law, which, in case of a refusal to surrender the assets, awards them a berth in the penitentiary for a period not less than five years.

Here is another circumstance which shows the absolute necessity of the passage of Hancock's BANK BILL. The State must now be taxed with a tedious law suit with this corporation, while the lazy drones who still swarm around it, grow fat by plundering the public.

We have not space to give utterance to many reflections which this high-handed proceeding suggests to us. The report of the Commissioner of the fund to the Governor, will be issued in an extra Mississippian in soon, in that officer shall have handed it to his Excellency.—Mississippian of April 3.

REPORT OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER.

To his Excellency, A. G. BROWN, Governor of the State of Mississippi. In obedience to the requisitions of the act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi passed at its late or January Session, entitled 'An Act to appoint a State Commissioner and for other purposes, Approved February 24th, 1844,' which act requires of said Commissioner to 'render a full and perfect account and statement to the Governor of the receipts and disbursements, and the condition and prospect of the funds placed under his management and control'—I have the honor to Report

That the act aforesaid originating the office of State Commissioner invested said Commissioner with the charge 'to manage, collect and receive the Sinking Fund, the Town Lot Fund, and all other funds now outstanding and belonging to the State of Mississippi, or which the State of Mississippi has the control or management, except the Seminary and Two and Three per cent Funds—and in order so to collect, manage and receive the same, said Commissioner is hereby authorized, empowered and required to call upon all and every agent or agents, commissioner or commissioners, attorney or attorneys, or other person or persons now having or heretofore having had the management or control of any of said funds or the vouchers of said funds, for a settlement—and the proceeds and voucher of any of said funds in their hands—and said State Commissioner shall have full power and authority to compel and coerce by suit or otherwise a speedy and prompt settlement and payment of said funds or of all amounts due upon or to said funds, or either of them.'

That by virtue of the authority vested in me as Commissioner and in obedience to the requirements of the act aforesaid I proceeded to Natchez, and on the 21st of March last called upon John P. Walworth, President, and Henry D. Mandeville, Cashier of the Planters Bank of the State of Mississippi, who, together with the Auditor of Public Accounts, are by the charter of the Planters Bank constituted managers of the Sinking Fund—the former two of whom, however, have had the almost exclusive, I might say the entire management and control of said Fund—for a surrender of the Fund and assets in their hands as contemplated by the act aforesaid; which demand was on the 23d inst., at their request, reduced to writing and handed by me to Mr. Walworth—and is in the words following to-wit: To James E. Matthews, Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi, and John P. Walworth President and Henry D. Mandeville, Cashier of the Planters Bank of the State of Mississippi, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—

GENTLEMEN:—By virtue of the authority vested in me by, and in obedience to requisitions of an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi entitled 'an act to appoint a State Commissioner, and for other purposes,' Approved Feb. 24th, 1844—I have now the honor to request an immediate compliance on your part with the provisions of said act contemplating 'a speedy and prompt settlement' of the said Sinking Fund, hitherto under your management and control.

JAS. ROBT. YOUNG, State Commissioner. Natchez, Miss., March 23d, 1844.

A copy of the above demand was transmitted by Mr. Walworth, in behalf of Mr. Mandeville, and himself—the former being absent from the city on that day—to the Auditor of Public Accounts at Jackson, requesting his presence as one of the Commissioners, at Natchez, at his earliest convenience—and also the following letter was addressed to myself: PLANTERS' BANK. Natchez, March 25th, 1844. JAMES ROBT. YOUNG, Esq., State Commissioner:

SIR:—Your communication of the 23d inst., addressed to James E. Matthews, Auditor of Public Accounts, and John P. Walworth, President, and Henry D. Mandeville, Cashier of the Planters Bank of the State of Mississippi, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Making a requisition upon them for an immediate compliance with the provisions of an act to appoint a State Commissioner and for other purposes, Approved February 24th, 1844, has this day been received, and shall receive as early attention and consideration as an opportunity of conferring with my co-commissioners, (neither of whom are at present in this city) and other circumstances, will admit.

I am, respectfully, your obt. servant, J. P. WALWORTH, President Commissioner of Sinking Fund.

On the 26th inst., the Auditor reached Natchez and on the 1st of the present month, the following communication from the Commissioners, was received by me: PLANTERS' BANK. City of Natchez, April 1st, 1844. SIR: The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have duly considered your application to them of the 23d ultimo, from the Attorney to you, of the Sinking Fund, and the result of their deliberations is as follows: J. P. Walworth and H. D. Mandeville, have come to the conclusion that they have no authority of law, as Commissioners, to surrender the Sinking Fund and assets, in compliance with your demand, and are having no legal right to do so, they respectfully decline making the same, demanded by you. From the conclusion arrived at by said Walworth and Mandeville, James E. Matthews dissenting, and being of opinion that the Commissioners can legally make

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