

Samuel Houston to Andrew Jackson, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SAM HOUSTON TO JACKSON.

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. . . . There is nothing said here of your “confidential correspondence seeing the light”, but I have not in my life seen a cause rising so fast as *that of the people is, nor* , one sinking faster, than the cause of a *wicked* , and *corrupt coalition!* Every movement tends to its more complete overthrow. Genl Coffee can give you particulars; which are too numerous to place on paper! The elections in Delaware, Missouri, and the certainty, that Van Buren, and the probability that Ellis of Mississippi,¹ will be elected, has struck consternation into the “Wigwam”, and desperation is their only hope!!

¹ Powhatan Ellis, senator 1825–1826, 1827–1832. Van Buren was re-elected senator from New York.

Mr Randolph bears himself in the most manly, and noble mood, and is far above his former self! His enemies tremble, while his friends are delighted with him! Moore who attacked him in the legislature of Virginia has got into difficulties, and will be compell'd to challenge Dr Crump; and no doubt will get worsted! Moore is a distant connexion of mine, as also of Col. Benton's by his wife—neither of whom will take any part with him, but leave him, with Mr Clay, and his friends to take care of!

I have spoken to Mr Randolph on the subject, of the *archy filly* , that you wished to purchase of him. He says that he has none of three years old nor, under four, as I understood him to say—perhaps he has yearlings—for his four year old Fillys he asks

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\$400.00 I will expect you to write me on this subject. It has not been in my power to hear of a good Groom, which can be had. Shou'd I hear of any I will forthwith apply to him, for Capt Donelson. Mr Randolph requested me whenever I wrote to you to present his kindest and best wishes to you—at the same time he was very kind in his inquiries for your health!