

Allan Campbell to Andrew Jackson, February 4, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR ALLAN CAMPBELL TO JACKSON.

Louisville, February 4, 1827.

Dear Genl. I have given you the annexed list, for the purpose of enabling you, if you should think proper, to write to certain men in this state, and at the same time, to give you the best data now at command, from which to estimate your present strength in Kentucky.

To defeat, or check the purposes of the aristocracy, it became indispensibly necessary for the Republicans, to have recourse to extraordinary means and exertions. I therefore originated, and with the cooperation of about half a dozen, intelligent and zealous friends, carried into full and successful operation last year, a plan, or System of Committees, from a Principle or Central Committee at Louisville, down to Sub-Committees into every ward of the Town, and Captains Company in the Country. In the execution of which, our Sub-Committees not only kept the secret so well, that our adversaries remained entirely ignovent and secure, until overwhelmed in disgraceful [ruin] but likewise went so far in detail, in the [regu]lar reports, as to give the names of each voter, how each would vote, both on the local and National questions. By which I find, that in Jefferson and Oldham Counties (which vote togeather) seven eighths of the New Court, and three eighths of the Old Court voters, will at this time support you for the next U. S. Presidency.

The organization of this Committee Plan, so as to embrace the whole state, has already been commenced by your friends, and it is expected to be in full and successful operation,

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before the next August elections, with a view not only to your elevation, but likewise to the resuscitation and success, of our local Republican cause or question. . . .