

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, November 30, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Private.

Washington, November 30, 1833.

D'r sir, Your note was received and answer returned verbally that you could get the message to night if you would come up. not having read all your note when recd. being surrounded with a croud, I did not until this moment read that part, "saying you were sick". The message is ready for you if you are well enough to come up in the morning if not, send up your confidential man, who can get the message and also the veto on the Land bill, but on a pledge that no one gets a copy until delivered to congress. I am admonished from last year, to adopt this rule. if Gales gets a copy the Bank will have an answer ready prepared. Therefore it must go into no hands but purely confidential.

I have seen judge Wayne.¹ he says he will do nothing that will split the party, but tells me what I never knew before, that Mr. Stevenson² told him before he left congress that he would not be a candidate for the speakers chair and induced him to let his name go to the public, which has placed him in a delicate position etc. etc. etc. The friends ought to have an understanding on this subject. Stevenson ought not to be brought forward unless he can be *surely* elected—judge Wayne says he is sure that he can be—if so, he is true and faithful. but others think he cannot, therefore it is that noses ought to be counted.

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1 James Moore Wayne, M. C. from Georgia 1829–1835, when he resigned and was appointed associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

2 Andrew Stevenson of Virginia, speaker 1829–1834, resigned June 2, 1834.

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