

Francis Preston Blair to Andrew Jackson, August 24, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

FRANCIS P. BLAIR TO JACKSON.

Washinton, August 24, 1836.

. . . . We are beaten in N. Carolina, by the inertness of our friends and the vile false hoods and panic got up on the negroe question. If we had any man of vigor in the state, I believe it could still be carried in Novr., but there never was such a *yea-nay* set. Saunders¹ writes that he thinks they are so *disheartened* , they cannot be brought to make the necessary exertion. though he believes it might be successful!! I am vexed most at the bad effect it will have in Tennessee, for which I would swap the whole south, beyond Virginia. All of us are well and affectionately yours,

1 Gen. Romulus M. Saunders, see p. 212, note 2, *ante*.