

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, April 4, 1845,  
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Hermitage, April 4, 1845.

*My dear Mr. Blair,* Your letters of the 19th and 24th is recd and now before me, and the promised letter from my friend Polk was handed me last evening by Genl. Armstrong who is now with me. I have wrote a long candid and friendly letter to Col. Polk, bringing to his view the dilemma in which he has got into by some bad advice, and which his good sense ought to have prevented. I have assured him of your uniform declarations to me of your firm support and of the destruction of the democratic party if he takes any one but you as the Executive organ untill you do something to violate that confidence which the democracy repose in you. I ask in emphatic terms what cause can he assign for not continue yr. paper the organ that was mine and Mr. VanBurens, whose administration he Polk and you hand to hand supported and those great fundamental principles you and him have continued to support, and have told him frankly that you will never degrade yourself or your paper by submitting to the terms proposed. I am very sick, exhausted by writing to Polk, and will write you again soon. I can only add, that altho my letter to Col. Polk is both friendly, but frank I have done Justice to you, and I hope he will say at once to you, go on as my organ as you have been the organ of Jackson and VanBuren. Should he not I have told him his fate—a divided democracy, and all the political cliques looking to the succession will annoy and crush him—from the fairest prospects of a successfull administration by folly and Jealousy lost.

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I would wish you to inform me which of the heads of departments, if any are hostile to you. If Polk does not look well to his course, the divisions in Newyork and Pennsylvania will destroy him. May god bless you and yours is the prayer of every indivi[du]al of the Hermitage. your sincere friend,