

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, April 7, 1845,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
John Spencer Bassett.**

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, April 7, 1845.

Confidential.

My dear Mr. Blair, Yours of the 30th of March is just received, and two confidential letters of the 27th and 28 to our mutual friend Genl. Armstrong submitted to my view from P. Polk. I wrote you and the President on the 4th instant and was in hopes that my views would open his eyes to his own interest and union of the Democratic party. But from the letters before me, I suppose my letter to the President will not prevent that evil to him, and the democratic party that I have used my voice to prevent. I am too unwell to write much to day. I have read your letter with care and much interest—I know you would never degrade yourself, by dividing the editorial chair with any one for any cause. I well know, that you never can, or will, abandon your democratic principles. You cannot under existing circumstances do any thing, to save your character and democratic principles and the high standing with all classes of the democracy but by selling out your paper. When you sell have good security for the consideration money. Col. Walker is greatly involved if not finally broke. And you know Cameron 1 who boasts he has $50,000 to invest in a new paper. I view him both a bankrupt in politics and property, and not to be trusted by any one in any way or by any body. Under all existing circumstances I say to you sell, and when you do, I look to a split in the democratic ranks, which I will sorely regret and which might have been so easily avoided. I am very sick, must close. With all the kind wishes of

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the tenants of the Hermitage and my prayers for your prosperity and happiness I remain sincerely yr friend,

1 The reference is to Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, who was an editor in early life. In 1845 he was elected to the U. S. Senate as a Democrat, but with certain Whig support.

P. S. Give all our kind wishes to major Lewis.