

accompanied. The only qualities they claim for him are negative—and the only ground he offers for their liking is his suppliancy—and the certainty, if elected, that he will be as subservient to the British Whigs of this country as the British Queen is to the aristocracy in England.

In opposition to General Harrison, the democracy of our country offer Martin Van Buren as a candidate for a re-election to the Presidency. He is selected from among our free citizens, because he is known to possess capacity of the highest order, and principles corresponding with those of the democratic party; while the candidate of the British Whig party is *allowed* to possess no principles of his own, as he is, (if elected,) *to be made* to represent the principles of the party—which they dare not now avow.

As they have their candidate's assent to be made to represent the principles of the British Whig party, it is *not* essential to them that he holds opinions in common with the aristocracy. Their only object at this time is to get into power; the principles by which the president, of their choice, is to be governed, is but a secondary consideration, according to their scheme, to be settled in convention, after they have succeeded in his election—which they hope to do by keeping him entirely from the observation of the people, surrounded by a committee(4.) who

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"Oswego, Jan. 31, 1840.

"TO THE HON. WILLIAM H. HARRISON:

"DEAR SIR: In accordance with a resolution of the Union Association of Oswego, I am instructed to propose three questions to you in relation to subjects that a large portion of this section of the country feel a deep interest in. The first is—

"Are you in favor of receiving and referring petitions for the immediate abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia?

"Second—Are you in favor of an United States Bank, or some institution similar to that, for the safe keeping and disbursing of the public moneys, and for giving an uniform currency throughout the United States.

"And lastly—Would you favor the passage of a general bankrupt law by Congress, so that its operations might be equal in all the States in the Union.

"I have only to say, sir, that the above enquiries are made in accordance with the unanimous wishes of this Association, the members of which, I am instructed to say, entertain the highest regard for your past services, and hope, should you be elected to the high office for which you are nominated, that nothing may occur to lessen you in the estimation of a great and free people. I am sir, respectfully, your ob't servant,

"MILES HOTCHKISS, Corresponding Secretary."

"Cincinnati, Feb. 29, 1840.

"OSWEGO UNION ASSOCIATION:

"GENTLEMEN: Your letter of the 31st ult. addressed to Gen. Harrison, has been placed in our possession with a view to early attention. This