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## **The American Politician**

By Charles March. "hic seire fasest omnica" Vol. 1.—No. 1.

Portsmouth Monday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1830

### Introductory remarks by the editor

To a paper which is to be circulating one more preface and introduction is necessary than one like this whose purport is almost entirely for the use and purpose of the editor, in noticing and inditing events transcribed from those papers which we have only for a short time and which we cannot retain as long as we might wish; also in writing down things which we do not find in other papers as the deaths which happen in Greenland and the towns adjacent, the business and work done on this farm the prospect of the crops, and the produce of the year; these reasons combined—with many others have induced the editor to undertake the writing of this paper, with the hope that hereafter it may be useful to him: he will also put in this paper the political state of the country, the most prominent candidates for the presidency and their qualities, as far as he can judge, for the office, its population, the state of its commerce and agriculture, its government compared with the governments of other nations, and the character of the people at large and those few, chosen to preside over the nation; foreign news as soon as received he will put in the paper as he would wish to retain in memory any important occurrences which should happen in any other country; as this is the first thing of the kind the editor ever began it must not be expected that he will make it interesting and amusing to others, should any ever read it, which with his present intentions he does not think probably; considering it written solely for himself he will edit it in a way to please his own party without any fear or apprehension from [illegible]. From the name given to the paper it may be reasonably supposed that the editor think considerably of politics and as, General Jackson and Henry Clay appear to be most likely to be the candidates for the vice presidency which is a great cause of contest and dispute among the people of the United States, he will not attempt to disguise his predilections in favor of the latter thinking he is disposed to protect and [illegible] improvements which he thinks, constitute a great part of a nation's prosperity and will eventually if properly attended to bring great good and profit to his country.

The editor will also put a piece of poetry in the paper either original or selected if he has room without leaving out other more important matters.

Foreign. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>

It is reported, though perhaps without authentic information that another revolution has arisen in France; that the Marquis de la Fayette heads the liberal party, as it is called, disaffected towards king Charles who has fled with his ministers and that so far five thousand men have been killed; the [illegible] measures and ordinances of the king have produced this commotion; finding that the chamber of Deputies chosen by the people were opposed to him, he as a branch of his prerogative, disguised them, hoping in a second choice those might be chosen who were in his favor, but having been disappointed in this he again has dismissed them for which the people have arisen en-masse to stop and resent these violent proceedings of the king's.

Political. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The five Western States, Louisiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana, if we can believe the accounts of the papers opposed to the present administration, have thrown a majority of their votes in favor of the candidates for governor who are friendly to Mr. Clay; at the time of the presidential election in 1828 they went for Gen. Jackson, but his veto on the Maysville road bill in favor of internal improvements have alienated from him people's hearts and with other acts of his, has accused this wonderful change in public sentiment. The election in Maine comes on today and we hope that state will send its support to the cause of the great Western Statesman; but from present appearances that may be considered doubtful.

The present reigning sovereigns of Europe

William IV of England

Charles X of France

Nicholas of Russia

Frederick of Prussia

Francis of Austria  
 Bernadotte of Sweden  
 Ferdinand of Spain  
 Don Miguel of Portugal  
 Mahmoud of Turkey

The present population of the city of Boston

Free white persons	ma	fem
Under five years,	3819,	4000
Of 5 & under 10	2944,	2974
Of 10 & under 15	2464,	2808
Of 15 & under 20	3165,	3552
Of 20 & under 30	7722,	7957
Of 30 & under 40	4133,	4655
Of 40 & under 50	2170,	2703
Of 50 & under 60	1077,	1412
Of 60 & under 70	472,	802
Of 70 & under 80	164,	326
Of 80 & under 90	31,	107
Of 90 & under 100	2,	11
Over hundred	0,	0
Total	28,163	21,343
Free colored persons	ma	fem
Under 10	178,	194
Of 10 & under 20	173,	258

Of 24 under 36	173,	258
Of 36 under 55	208,	210
Of 55 under 100	57,	69
Over hundred	0,	1
	864,	1011
White males	28,163	
" females	31,343	
Colored males	864	
" females		1011
	61,381	

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We copy this from the Journal of Saturday and it is one of the numerous frauds practiced by the Jackson officers.

More trouble in the camp. We learn that Mr. Henry the successor of Ira Woodman, the Bethlehem N.H. Post-master, who is now safely locked up in goal for robbing the mail, has absconded. Both of the Post-masters were Jacksonians "to the back bone." Heuvey was indicted for engaging in some brawl in which another rode on a rail; and after concealing himself some days in the woods to avoid the sheriff it is said he cleared out for Canada. Oh! the beauties of reform!—Portland Ade.

Died

In this town Mr. Charles Coffin aged 22 years. In Exeter Mr. Abel Brown aged 52. In Haverhill, Mass. of a typhus fever, Hon. Bailey Bartlett, High-sheriff of the county of Essex. In this town on the sixth ult. Mr. Joshua Haven.

King William is said to bear a greater resemblance to George III than any other of his sons. The prominent gray eye, characteristic of the house of Hanover is very remarkable in both. He is said to very regular [illegible] in his habits.

#### Politicks

It is reported by some of the late papers that a new combination has been forward at Washington; that John C. Calhoun is to be the Jackson candidate for next president in the place of Old Hickory who is to be supposed a candidate for re-election until just before election when it will be announced that he has declined Martin Van Buren is to be candidate for the vice presidency, with the hope of being president after Calhoun, if he succeeds. Truly there is need of a new candidate since the Old General's popularity is declining so fast Calhoun reckons no doubt of having South Carolina and other [illegible] states with Pennsylvania, Virginia and perhaps New York. It is doubtful how Maine, New Jersey and Maryland, Delaware and others if the New England states besides Maine will go; we may give to Clay the Western States, four at least of the New England states and a part of New York; if Clay is chosen Daniel Webster will be secretary of state, if he chooses; but who is to be candidate under Clay for Vice President, we think is not yet decided.

#### Sudden death!

Died last night suddenly in Greenland James [illegible], when intoxicated he was run over by a cart-wheel and has been in a state hovering between life and death for some time.

#### The population of Greenland

The increase of Greenland since 1820 has been very little, only 44 more inhabitants now than there were then. Owing to or considering the new houses that recently have been built it was reasonably supposed by some that it would have numbered 700 instead of 677. The population of Portsmouth has not yet been taken; there will not be a great increase in that town as many left since the erection of factories in Dover.

## Historical Doubts

Auctioneers, at the sale of antiquities, put up a helmet with the following candid observation: "Here, gentlemen is the helmet of Romulus, the Roman Founder; but whether he was a brass or iron founder I do not know."

The contents of this number will appear in our next, there not being [illegible] in this.

## Anecdotes

A negro fidler [i.e. fiddler], making his brags to a minister on the great sum he had procured by his practice, asked if it was not nearly equal to his salary, and being told it was, says, "Well massa, I hoses sate de heavens good deal letter."

A gentleman once bought a horse of a country dealer. "How my friend (said he) I have bought your horse because I liked his appearance. I asked you no questions. Tell me now his faults. You know I have paid you; therefore you have nothing to fear." Faults! Replied the man, I know of no faults except two." — "What are they?" — "Why sir he is bad to catch" — "I do not mind that," said he, "if he be the devil. But what is the other fault?" (rejoined he with some impatience) — "eth sir," replied Hodge (scratching his pate) — "He is good for nothing when you have [illegible] him."

Lost.

Two cents will be given to any one who will find and return a book entitled "The New Hampshire register for 1828."

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Clew & March

## Notice

Is hereby given that person shall take any [illegible] or sweet cow from my land situated near the road leading to Portsmouth. Sept 13. Clew & March

One cent reward will be given for the best original essay on agriculture. Sept 13. Clew & March.

For sale

Three small arithmetics for young beginners at four cents each. Inquire at this office.

For sale

Trout. March has for sale an [i.e. a] handsome new testament for [illegible]. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

For sale

Two volumes of Arabian nights entertainments at 1s a volume, with a quantity of foolscap paper. Inquire at this office.

Two volumes of Arabian nights entertainments by Frank March cheap for cash. Sept 15.

Washington's life in two volumes, also Franklin's life in one and Tales of my landlord for sale by Clew & March. Sept 15

One cent premium for the best piece of original poetry on any subject whatever. Inquire at this office. Sept 13.

This paper is published semi monthly at the house of J. W. March and its price is 45 a year or 60 cents in advance, that is a half shilling deducted for immediate payment.