

*Resolution offered in the Senate of Georgia, by  
Mr. Anderson, and the vote thereon*

Whereas, it is the wish of a large majority of the people of this State, that GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON should be the next President, in preference to any other person; and whereas it appears that some efforts are made to start a third candidate for the Presidency,—Be it therefore *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, that all attempts to get up a third candidate will be viewed by them with disapprobation, and as evidencing a disposition again to defeat the wishes of the people by throwing the election into the House of Representatives. And be it further resolved, That we will advance by all honorable means the election of General Jackson, and think of no other person as long as he shall be blessed with his usual bodily and mental energies :

Yeas—Messrs. Alexander, Anderson, Beall, Blackstone, Blair, of Habersham; Blair, of Lowndes, Brown, of Camden; Brown, of Monroe; Campbell, Cargille; Clayton, of Pulaski; Cochran, Coffee, Cosby, Denmark, Dungen, Ezzard, Folwood, Gilder, Groves, Harris, Hawthorn, Hendrick, Hicks, Holloway, Hoxey, Janes, Martin, Maxwell, Miller, Moore, Porter, Remson, Scarlet, Sellers, Smith, Spann, Swain, Tennille, Thomas, Tillman, Williams, Wilson, Wimberly, Wooten, Worthy—42.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baber, Burton, Clayton, of Clark; Crawford, of Columbia; Crawford, of Hancock; Davies, Gamble, Jordan, Lawson, Leonard, Lucky, McDougald, M'Tyre, Monerief, Munroe, Phillips, Powell, Ray, Ryals, Scarboro, Sledge, Walthour—23.

The undersigned now positively state that they are in favor of General Jackson for the Presidency of the United States, at the next election for that officer, in preference to Mr. Adams or any one at present spoken of for that office; and so they expressed themselves by their vote, as members of the Legislature at the last session, but they voted against the resolution offered at the present session for the following reasons, to wit :

1st. Having voted on a former occasion in favor of Gen. Jackson for the same office they conceive it inconsistent with the character of a freeman and of a man of truth and sincerity to repeat promises and pledges merely because they are in favor of great men, thereby showing that we are either actuated by a fawning sycophancy, or some political design.

2d. The resolution requires that the State of Georgia shall vote for Gen. Jackson, not only in preference to Mr. Adams, but any other person that may be brought forward in the United States for that office. Now whatever the individual opinion of the Members of the Legislature might be on this subject, they have no right to bind their constituents to do a thing which is to happen 12 months hence, when circumstances may arise which might induce them to change their opinion. Every citizen ought to be left free to exercise his own opinion as he may think proper when he is called on to act, and not to be placed under any obligation that will trammel his unbiassed suffrage. Such a course is inconsistent with the rights of free government.

3d. Said resolution compels the Member, not to "think of any other person" for President but Gen. Jackson. Now as members

vote under an oath, we conceive that we cannot conscientiously place ourselves under such a serious obligation. Every man ought to have not only the liberty of *thought*, but of speech, and if a man were to promise that he would not *think* upon any subject, not having the entire control of his thoughts, he might inadvertently think of some other person for President, and if he did he would forfeit his pledge. Besides such a promise is unworthy of a freeman and totally incompatible with *free agency*.

For these reasons, and believing that our fellow citizens have integrity and ability sufficient to vote for whomsoever they please, as President of the United States, when the proper time arrives, without being dictated to by their Representatives, who were sent to make laws instead of Presidents, we have voted against said resolution, at the same time declaring we are in favor of Gen. Jackson for the Presidency at the next election.

A. S. CLAYTON.  
REUBEN JORDAN.