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My dear Sir,

In my letter to you of yesterday I remarked that the effort to establish a Taylor paper in this city had failed. This day Hammersly has purchased Middletons paper which will be issued without delay as a Whig Taylor paper, and notwithstanding the assertion from the lips of Judge Lewis to myself that “if the question is to be Buchanan or Taylor that he will support Buchanan” yet he has been at the bottom of this purchase and is unquestionably the backer of Hammersly, who is a cousin or nephew of the Judge. The Judge says he cannot support Taylor as the Whig but only as the neutral candidate for the Presidency. This is an addition reason why the Intelligencer should be in able and efficient hands and I know of no one so likely to make himself useful to the party and so popular as Mr. Hutter. Notwithstanding his good pay at W.[Washington] he would in a short time make it more advantageous for himself, even in a pecuniary way, to take up his residence here.

If Taylorism once gets a foothold here, becomes organized in active hands, it will sweep like wildfire over this community. The question now being asked here is Why should they not vote for Gen[‘]l Taylor?

Mrs Porter is bitter because George is not appointed and speaking of Frazers course, she says, that she would tell you to your face, (which I doubt) that it served you right. The Doctor is also under the Porter influence, which is at this time very small in this state. I have heard fears expressed here with regard to Gov[‘]r Shenks course for the Presidency. It is certain that Frazer will leave nothing undone to gain over the Gov[‘]t to the Dallas influence.

There is but one evil to be averted but one measure to be guarded against, viz to keep Frazer or Champneys out of the Baltimore Convention – if that can be effected all will be accomplished and neither a press here, or any other means will be required to organize and combine your friends. Political annihilation would be the proper course, and that your letter would effect. In time of peace, let there be acts of conciliation and kindness but in war, let blows decide the question – Strohm the member from this county it is said will vote for the supplies for the army, so must all the Whigs – very Respectfully

Your obt. [obedient] servant

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