

28 Feb: '48 Doctor Foltz
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My dear Sir,

I have been here some days and have seen most of your old friends. Many of them are sanguine, and in truth but few have been estranged, while the masses have become more ardent. On Saturday there was a large meeting at Lemonplace which was addressed by Baker, Dr Kerfoot, McElroy and Hutter. It was an immense gathering of the b'hoys [?] and Hutter delighted them by reading to them from an old newspaper, Frazer[']s speech to the convention at Harrisburg in 1844 – and from Frazer[']s speech laudatory [sic] of you, the resolutions were framed. The speech will be published in tomorrow [']s Intelligencer. The mayor is your warm friend. Hutter has done much good and his prudence and good judgement [sic] has won the esteem of all. On Wednesday I will leave with himself Forney and Stambaugh (who is expected here tonight) for Harrisburg. McCandless popped through here an hour ago and had in his hand a telegraphic dispatch from his partner urging him on to Pittsburg to attend to important cases, but he said I would meet him in Harrisburg.

Dr Himies [?] and the Porters go for Cass first then for you, but his not openly. Judge Lewis is still on the fence but will come over to your side as the Taylor stock has gone down in this county.

The whigs [sic] of this county have determined to vote for Clay. Some of them publicly declare that they will vote for C. should he not even be nominated. They would rather throw their votes away than to vote for Genl. Taylor unless he proclaims himself a thorough which he will never do, to judge from his late Harrisburg letter.

Governor Sprigg of Maryland denied to me that Mr. Clay said he would withdraw in favor of Genl. T- and said that he never conversed with Mr. Clay upon the subject of his withdrawal, and from the recent movements in Phila it is obvious that Mr. C. will be the Whig candidate.

I hope and pray he may be, and I repeat on all occasions the opinion of Blair that Clay is now stronger than ever; if he is nominated the victory is certain. Frazer is hard at work and on Saturday he will make his last grand effort. Ford gave him the lie direct this morning in Court and a scene was coming off when Judge Hayes interfered. The tide has turned against T. & the letter in the ledger of Friday last has given great impetus to the current. I hope you have read it, if not permit me to call your attention to it.

Your niece Miss Lane is well. Mrs. Plitt is here with Mrs. Montgomery who still continues ill.

Hoping to have good news for you from Harrisburg I am with great respect your obliged friend & obt servt [obedient servant]

J. M. Foltz.

