

From John S. Jones to George R. Smith

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Gen[.] G.R[.] Smith

Dr[.] Sir

I hope this will find your Self & family enjoying good health. I never was in better my self[.] I all so hope you will make a respectable race for the Legislation but hope a good Democrat will beat you by a Small majority[.] I dont [want?] you [but to bet?] as to mortify your feeling at all, for I [do?] think as clever a man as you are ought to have kept up with the times & you should have been a good Democrat[.] there is no such a thing recognised here as a whig party South of Mason & Dixon line[.] there is only a Sectional Whig party at war on the institutions of the South[.] Gov. Jones of Tenn. has become him selfe separated from the party & that no such party exist in the South only to cooperate with free Soilers & Abolitionist[.]

You hav taken back you [ever said?] a [MS. illegible] Benton, now cum out Gen. in the same manner a bout whingn throw your selfe [MS. illegible] Free Soil issue for [MS. illegible] whig elected South is consider an Abolition victory here[.]

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I know you are [wedded?] to the old nom Whig but still I think you have [MS. illegible] to over com that if pride was not in the way but [MS. illegible] ought to over [MS. illegible] & you should come out a good [MS. illegible][.]

Poor old Bulion he has gon clear over[,] he is now down on the Administrator, & throw him selfe in the arms of free Soilers on Abolitionist, his [vot?] you will hav all redy seen on Gidings resolution to expell the [writers?] of Union from the [Hour?] benton [MS. illegible] wit a small [minority?] not to lay the resolution on the table[.]

How [MS. illegible] Hough & Price stand which [MS. illegible] you think is the strongest [MS. illegible] in hopes Price will not be elected[.] Pleas wright me on [MS. illegible] the [MS. illegible] generly the prospects for good crops[,] price of stock &c[.]

Cal McMullen is duoing [doing] his best for me[.] Tell Betty to look out the Cal in times to look out a [MS. illegible] as soon as he returns to Mo.

Yours Respectfully

John S. Jones

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