

posed it, & by an amendment escaped to ridicule the whole proceeding. For what purpose? Not from good feeling to Mr. Clay - not from a generous desire to shield injured innocence from the rude assaults of an assassin. No: but that Kreme might be relieved from the almost inextricable difficulty in which he had placed himself, by expressing his readiness to appear before the Committee to prove what he knew to be false. This amendment was rejected, and Mr. Randolph, another of the General's friends, moved to postpone the subject indefinitely. This was readily seized by Mr. McDuffie as an equally ready means of compassing his point. The object of this motion was no other than to quash the whole proceedings, & leave the public mind in doubt, which was well known to be equivalent to guilt in the estimation of the mass of mankind. All hope of success in the election of 1825 having vanished, this artful measure was designed to have a prospective influence on the approaching election. And I feel assured that if the inquiry had not been instituted, & terminated as it did, & if the ^{flood of} public evidence which has been pouring in on the public mind, until the present day, had not established their innocence, & the depravity of their accusers, beyond a rational doubt, these distinguished Statesmen would have been universally proscribed, as objects worthy of the scorn & contempt of every friend of public liberty.

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