

and that, "Had I even known, or even suspected, that Gen. Jackson believed I had been sent to him by Mr. Clay or his friends, I should immediately have corrected his erroneous impressions." * Such is his language. And to put this construction aside forever, I refer you to his late speech, in Congress, on Retrenchment; in which occasion he said, "If it were the case that the last Presidential Election was accomplished by bargain & sale, or by corruption, I have no knowledge of the fact." The judicious friends of Gen. Jackson, I presume, would scarcely avail themselves of the plea of misunderstanding; for so plain was the language of the conversation, that to have mistaken it for a concourse proposition of "bargain & corruption" would argue the grossest incapacity. I fancy he is reduced to a dilemma. He must either incur the imputation of an obliquity of intellect for his mistake, or an obliquity of heart for his misrepresentation. Hang him on either horn this situation will be far from being enviable.

Another circumstance that cannot be made to agree with Gen. Jackson's reputed uprightness & consistency of character, is, that he accused Mr. Clay of misrepresenting him, in his reply to his (Gen. Jackson's) letter to Carter Beverly. Mr. Clay's language is this, "The charges are, first, That my friends in Congress, early in January 1825, proposed to him &c." The General objects to the idea conveyed by the word "proposed;" & says, "I have not said, nor do I now say, that the proposal made to me was with the privity & consent of Mr. Clay; neither have I said that his friends in Congress made pro-

* See Buchanan's address