

statement, had, sometimes before, indeed, as early as December, been informed by Mr. Buchanan of the corrupt understanding between Mr. Adams & Mr. Clay. Mr. Adams had nominated Mr. Clay, as Secretary of State, and the Senate were then acting on that nomination, which must have been considered by the General, as nothing else than the consummation of the bargain. If his allegations had been true, possessed as he was of a most respectable witness, a more favourable opportunity could not have occurred for him to have brought the case forward, by proposing the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry. The production of such evidence before the Senate, on that occasion, would have caused the nomination to be rejected, & have affixed the seal of infamy, forever, to the reputations of the President & Secretary. Their guilt clearly established, the public indignation would have risen like a tempest, & swept before it every man implicated in the disgraceful transaction. Henry Clay would have been forced into the shades of retirement to mourn over his fallen fortunes. Mr. Adams would have been reduced, by the universal outcry of the nation, to the necessity of resigning his ill-gotten power. Compulsed & disgraced, he could scarcely have found a retreat from the reproaches of his much injured country. At the slightest opportunity, they have interposed between General Jackson & the high objects of his ambition. Honoured & respected as the patriotic Brutus, the incorruptible Fabricius of Roman story, the votaries of liberty, & the pure patriots of the nation, would have gathered a