

round the hero, and conducted him in triumph to the abdicated seat of the President. Such had been his prospects if he had preferred & substantiated his charges. Instead of this, silent as death among the tombs, he passed a negative vote on the nomination. And, yet, so soon as his skirts were clear of the walls of the Capital, he began the work of defamation in his private capacity. You may very rationally ask the cause of this. I could answer for myself. But to your good sense, I submit the solution of this question. By the way, I will remark that he had the strongest temptation to engage in a dark & malignant conspiracy against these men. The prize to be obtained is a most valuable one. It is nothing less than the Presidency of the United States, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1829.

I will mention an anecdote, as characteristic of the times in which we live. Gen. Jackson on the morning after the election, Gen. Jackson called on Mr. Adams, & congratulated him, apparently, in the most cordial manner, on his election, saying "I present you my right hand, and would give you my left also, were it not in the service of a lady," alluding to Mrs. Jackson, who was reclining on her arm. Agreeably to his own account at this very time, he was in possession of the information, & believed, that Mr. Adams had been elected by means of fraud & corruption; notwithstanding which, he expressed his pleasure at that event. The case is this - A. acquires a fortune by cheating B. out of his whole