

war had been declared by Do^r Mc Gill during his administration, some of them, or these three men were sent with a bullock to the Gov^r. and him ^{with} the majority of the Cabinn^t. consent^d deeming this as a favorable time seized them, & imprisoned them. But Mr Drayton who is ambitious & loves power, and Mr J. B. Bowen who had some prejudices against the Gov^r because he made him give up a Chronometer he had purchased, belonging to an English ~~War~~-vessel, notwithstanding twelve of his own peers said that the purchase of them was illegal, with Messrs R. S. Mc Gill, Copell, ^{J. T.} Gibson moved the majority of the people by ~~get~~ getting into a lying & thus rebel & throw our infant State into confusion & almost bloodshed and a division among us. The minority contending for the Constitution while the majority gloried in its violation. How it mortifies me to think that as much interest as many of us has taken in forming this little State to see a Baptist Minister who is paid by the Baptist Board to preach Gospel, being one of the characters in encouraging

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