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Mr. Buchannon did not at the time complain & it is the general opinion, so far as I know, that he had no course of complaint then or since - The truth is Mr. B's. remarks as to the reduction of price for labor have been handled rather indignantly by the people & he would like to modify a little. -

Mr. Walker took part in the same debate & both of them were understood to take the ground that the banks must not be permitted have the control of the currency - Mr. Walker was rather the most violent but there seemed at the time to be but little difference of sentiment. - Mr. Walkers speech is in the hands of the public, though it is said that an attempt has been made to suppress it -

Certain it is that I have found great difficulty in obtaining a single copy, which I was requested by a friend to send to Hartford - He uses language that fully justifies Mr. Davis in all he has said by way of answer. -

The New Jersey matter is not yet fully disposed of, but the admin. party have the power, with the aid of Nullifiers to place the five Low members in their seats - & probably will do so within a few days - They will then be able to pass the Independent Treasury Bill as was done by the Senate -

They are now asking for \$5,000,000 Treasury Notes & it is thot. they will want as much more before Congress adjourns - So you see the paper currency is needed to help on the hard money project - and thus the cunning & the juggling of the whole plan is developed - The truth is, they intend to get control of the money power & then they will attempt, & perhaps successfully, to bring into subjection all the banks that will not submit to orders - If Mr. Van Buren succeeds in his designs we shall have a strong government. We shall be permitted to go through with the forms of voting and in some instances without obstruction; but when a President is to be elected - or any measure important to the administration is needed - the result of a struggle at the ballot boxes, will be known as will before & after the the contest is ended -

Our only hope is in the fight which is now in progress & which will terminate in Nov. - Both parties duly estimate its importance, and Mr. Benton says it will be a tight fight.

The Harrison party feel in good spirits, & nothing hitherto has occurred to lessen their hope of success - It is now evident that Harrison was the strongest candidate the Convention had before

them at Harrisburg - and I do not know of a single man who would have sustained either of the other candidates that will not vote for Harrison - We are all united in opposition to Mr. V. Buren, & thus far the temper of the opposition indicates all we can wish - With hard fighting we may probably succeed, but without it we shall certainly fail; for we have to contend with fearful odds - Our Whig & Conservative friends are exceedingly anxious for Connecticut, on account of its influence without the State, as well as within - We know that Mr. Niles has writtenhere, that the Whigs will be defeated next month & that Conn. is safe for Mr. Van Buren in the fall - Our accounts are very different, & we trust the event will be different from his prediction - & that he will not be Gov. this year -

However we must urge our friends to the utmost exertion or very powerful influences will be used by the Genl. Govt. to bring little Connecticut under the yoke -

I do not doubt you will put to your shoulder & we feel great confidence in all our Norwich friends -

I remain with much respect

Your Obedt. Servant

Jos. Trumbull