

Houlton Oct 6, 1840

Dear Sir

It is not known for a fact whether Went is elected by the people or not but the probability is, that he is, the Locos pretend to say that Fairfield has the most votes but it is false, you may depend upon the fact that Went will be our next Governor, both branches of the Legislature will be Whig, The Legislature is in session as was expected for the purpose of revising the Laws but the fact is they are planning to secure this state for Vanburen. It is in this shape that every unincorporated place may hold their elections where they reside, the bill has not yet passed but no doubt will, it provides that three men may apply to a Justice of the Peace and that the said Justice shall issue his warrant to one of them to notify & call a meeting &c in any convenient place, I have obtained the Kennebec journal which has the cloungs of <sup>the</sup> Legislature, so you can see for your self, Now if ~~and~~ this Law Act becomes a law the first thing on the part of the Locos will

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be to organise on the Crookstock & other places  
they will endeavour to have the first three  
men who apply to the justice all Tories, then  
next to have a majority of Tories at the first  
meeting to put in Poor Assessors & Clerks  
that accomplished they will receive such  
votes as they choose and none else,

Now I propose this. As soon as this  
Act becomes a law, that three Whigs should  
apply to a Justice for a warrant and that  
on the hour appointed every Whig should be  
at the meeting so as to secure the main  
officers which are to preside at the on the  
day of election, by so doing we shall  
have a fair and ~~honest~~ impartial election  
otherwise we shall be humbugged out of our  
rights, I have no doubt that this  
Act will become a law but whether  
it does or not it is our duty to do all  
we can honestly to promote the cause of  
Harrison & Reform, Who is there on  
the Crookstock to do it if it is not you  
Wing and Mr Hobart, What is a few  
days or even weeks to spend in such a  
good cause, I call on you, being a  
Whig, a Democrat, and in favour of a  
change <sup>of administration</sup> to lay by business for a short time

and argue with those who are willing to  
believe the truth and show to them the  
importance of a change, you will find  
some important matter in the paper,  
which I send you, see what the British  
Tory say of King Martin in the Kennebec  
Journal & from the London Chronicle

I will send you all the documents  
messy, when we get the Act as it is  
passed it shall be forward to you with  
the opinion of your fellow Whigs of this  
place of what is to be done, we have  
achieved one of the greatest victories  
that a child is in the union, the  
Ball continues to roll, and will continue  
till we see our country safe with Harrison  
(~~as they are it~~) at the helm, I will  
write you again I wish you would  
send me a line how things are going  
yours Truly  
S. B. Patten

S. B. Would it not be well to go out & see  
Hobart and plea affairs,

Since writing the above last evening a letter  
has been received stating that the above  
Act has become a law M. Patten

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