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Dear Sir

I take great pleasure in acknowledging two communications from you, the latter of which contain ing your speech on the 21st rule - I am sure that you could not have felt otherwise than provoked at the conduct of Mr. Adams and your rebuke to a sensitive mind would have produced an indelible impression. But I fear that the day of sensativeness for the expression of the most reprehensible opinions has passed away from Mr. Adams and that he has become an irreclaimable reprobate - His expressed wish that the day of blood and carnage might come upon the South by a servile war is I think unparalelled for atrocity except in the vivid pictures drawn by Mellow of the impulses and motives of his Demons What a wreck of a great man is exhibited in this our fellow Citizen. He recalls to my mind the forcible description of Lord Bacon by Mr. Pope - "If Parts allure thee see how Bacon shined The wisest greatest meanest of Mankind - Bacon's offence was mean because it was venial - but there are many grains of allowance for him from the fact that his great mind was almost absorbed by the great truths in Philosophy in which he excelled all men before and since his time - But our country man delights to be influenced by motives the most wicked, the most depraved the most diabolical It would seem that he would delight in desolation, death and all the complicated woes attendant on the extermination of a whole race of people I cannot I well not respect such a character of this.

I presume that you will have Mr. Clay at Washington on his return home – His sojourn here had a fine effect – The Locos seemed to vie with the Whigs in doing him honor – Judge Goldthwaite gave him a large dinner party, attended all the other parties where he was invited – Query of Mr. Clay is elected will not the Judge become a Whigg as he once was? of one thing I am certain that in South Alabama the Whigg cause is greatly strengthened by recent events – But the political game now is the annexation of Texas – Is not this the Tyler game the game of a desperado – of all these matters I presume you at the fountain head know more – they are only darkly shadowed here and I can only conjecture about these matters

Yours respectfully

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