

Pensacola Aug 17th 1842

My dear General

By a singular coincidence I have been thinking for the last week of reviewing our correspondence and had concluded to write to you by this mail, when yesterday your kind favor of the 1st came to hand.

I rejoice to find that you are once more in harness & doubt not that your labours will be of essential service to the good cause in the coming election - Whiggery is almost ⁱⁿ its last agony as you truly say & I hope you will have the honor of dealing it the coup de grace in the East. With us here in the West it still retains some vigor and as it is no friend of mine it may defeat my election, tho' I hope not. My opponents are none of them strong men and in that consists my best chance & my personal popularity in the three counties of this judicial district will carry me far ahead of the party & with the democratic votes elsewhere, will probably elect me, tho' I am far from being confident.

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Genl. T. Brown

St. Augustine



Manly I fear stands pro chance & he is
the only democratic candidate besides
myself - tho' Ramsey who will probably
be elected will not go against us.

I approve of your policy about the
question of State Government, though I
fear that that question will seriously
embarrass Levy if he is a candidate
next May - already many complaints
are made of him for not urging our
admission & the next election will turn
in a great measure upon his pledges
in that regard.

We must as you say hold together
on the Bank & Bond question - that is
paramount at present to all others &
I hope one or two Sessions more will
accomplish our final triumph - but
we must exercise mutual forbearance
on the State question, else it will lead
to a fatal schism - Can't you meet
us on the concession by us of your be-
ing established as a territory after
we are once admitted as a State
or are you afraid to trust us?

Something must be done to bring the
democrats of the East and Middle West
to unite - some compromise, and you

must set to work and discover what
it is. I myself feel very unsettled in
Pensacola - Some two or three very impor-
tant suits have occurred here within the
last year, by which I have made a good
deal of money, but the general business
of the profession here is likely to be limited
for the future and will not suit one with
so large a family to provide for as I have.
Levy was anxious for me to go to the East
but others counselled against it & my own
judgments was opposed to it tho' inclination
prompted me to go - I have many pressing
invitations to settle ⁱⁿ Mobile, but have
determined to wait and see what another
year will bring forth for Florida before I
conclude to abandon her.

Mr Anderson desires to be kindly
remembered to you & belives me
Dear General! to be
Very truly Yours
W. Anderson

P.S. We are just exciting here in the glorious
news for the old North State. Aint
you sorry for the poor devils the Whigs