

George Kremer to Andrew Jackson, March 8, 1825, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GEORGE KREMER¹ TO JACKSON.

1 M. C. from Pennsylvania.

Washington, March 8, 1825.

Dear Genl, Agreeably to your request, I communicate to you the substance of a conversation which I had early in January last with the Hon James Buchanan. He inquired of me when I had seen Genl Jackson, I replied not for some time, he then said there was great intrigue going on and that he thought it right to let me know it and that if he was known as I was to be the intimate friend of Genl Jackson he would inform the Genl of it and that he thought I ought to acquaint Genl Jackson, That the friends of Adams were making overtures to the friends of Clay to this effect, That if they the friends of Clay aided to elect Adams Clay should [be] Secretary of State and that he thought we were in great danger unless we would consent to fight them with their own weapons, That the friends of Adams were urging as an argument to induce the friends of Clay to accede to the proposition that if Genl Jackson should be elected, Adams would be continued Secretary of State and repeated that he thought I ought at least to get myself authorized to say that if Genl Jackson was elected President Mr Adams should not be continued Secretary of State. I told him that I could not do so That we must carry Genl Jackson on the ground of principle and that his friends could not make any promise or give any pledges, that I did not believe that General Jackson ever had disclosed his mind to any man as to who he would appoint should he be elected, nor did I believe he would until it became his duty. He then said I was unacquainted with the intrigues of these men, I then told

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[him] I could not believe it possible that such an intrigue could prevail. he said I might rest assured it was going on, That he knew the fact and repeated that it was necessary for the friends of Jackson to fight them with their own weppons at least so far as to say whether Adams should remain Secretary of State or not, I will not be certain that I have used Mr Buchanans own words I am however certain that I have in Substance stated our conversation correctly. With great respect I remain your friend [and] fellow Citizen

P. S Mr Buchanan stated that him and Mr Clay had become great friends this winter, this he said as I thought to inforce on my mind the authority from whence he had derived the information