

The Case of Major J. Egbert Farnum.

SAVANNAH JAIL, Dec. 17, 1852.

SIR—Much to my surprise and mortification, I have this morning been informed of the contents of Mr. Jackson's letter to you in reference to my affairs. It seems that he charges me, not with any deeper complicity with the voyage of the Wanderer, but with the much more serious accusation of having attempted to make terms with the general government, to the prejudice of those who were already suspected and arraigned upon charges connected with that vessel.

Now, sir, I deem it not only due to myself, but to my many friends who, under the impression that I was an honest man, have stood by me, to pronounce the charge false in every particular. I defy Mr. Jackson to produce any man, or set of men, of high or low degree, of political or social standing in any community, who can produce a particle of evidence to the effect that I ever made propositions, had them made to me, or authorized others to make them to the general government, State government, or to either of their officials, or to any person whatever, to give evidence against any one suspected of being concerned in the affair of the Wanderer. If such evidence could be adduced and substantiated, then I would forfeit all claims to sympathy or friendship, and would not ask to be looked upon in any other light than as a cur of low degree, who richly deserved the halter.

I cannot but believe that the Attorney General and Mr. Jackson, one or the other, or both, have been imposed upon. Certainly, this must be so, else they would not attempt to prejudice a community against an imprisoned and comparatively a defenceless man. As men, therefore, not as officials looking to a legal conviction, no matter how obtained, I call upon them through you, sir, for the proof sustaining this charge.

J. EGBERT FARNUM.

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