New York April 7th 1867

Mr. Seward,

I have the greatest pleasure in informing you of the following resolutions and rules adopted by the Democratic party of New York and its recently convened according to previous notice on the 23rd ult. to take into consideration the course of the administration as regards the prosecution of the insane war. The acts of Polk & Calhoun, and the outrage of the Senate upon yourself, not a voice was heard in opposition to their resolutions and the whole democracy are in opposition to that balance of power party whose acts proclaim their willingness to sacrifice the great principles of democracy to their advancement of their individual ends. The policy of James K. Polk is approved by all good democrats and the Whigs dont like it because in it Mr. Polk shows that patriotism which the Whigs never feel, and wisdom commensurate with the confidence reposed in him by the American people. A meeting of that respect with which I am your friend.

Obdient Servant,

Thos. J. Hudson

Seth Bartlett Esq.
James March 27, 1842

According to previous notice, The Democratic of James and its vicinity assembled at the Auditorium Church on the 27th, and the meeting was organized by calling on the chair and appointing E. J. Hudson Secretary. On motion, a committee of the following Gentlemen was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting: James Smith, William D. Smith, and Hugh Davis. After sitting a few moments, the committee reported the following preamble, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the men of the United States were engaged in a war with that nation and where it is at all times, and more especially in a crisis like the present, the right and duty of the People of the United States to express their sentiments

Resolved: That we rest assured of the confidence in the integrity, ability, and patriotism of James A. Polk, President of the United States, and that for the vigor and discretion of his administration, both of our foreign and domestic relations, he deserves and should receive the thanks of every true lover of his country.

Resolved: That a copy of the last congress upon the vital and important measures be urgently and repeatedly
recommended to their notice by the President, measures which involved the honor of our arms and the safety of our people. Soldiers are in the heat of our country’s country. They are making their time and the people’s money, while the whole country was loudly demanding that they should not waste and talk life was also disgraceful to themselves and a reflection upon our national character.

Resolved: That in the present contest with slavery and abstinence, which some of our statesmen have so confidently recommended would be absolutely destructive to our interests, and would render us ridiculous in the eyes of the world—that in our opinion the whole force of our country’s power should be at once exerted and a peace conquered at the earliest point.

Resolved: That we move with sorrow and regret, this inconsistent and unpatriotic course of John C. Calhoun, during the last session of this Senate. That his court attacks upon the administration and his denunciations of a war which his own action had more agency in bringing on than that of any other man in our whole country—his cold and hostile support of measures necessary for its vigorous prosecution and his whole conduct with regard to our Mexican relations, in view unworthy of a republican statesman and merits the condemnation of all democrats.

Resolved: That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Thomas Ritchie the venerable Editor of the Washington Review for his faithful and fearless support of his country’s honor—not that our praises are due, but to his
reputation, who has for nearly half a century been a trusty
servant upon the watch-towers of Democracy—but we desire
to express our contempt of the unjustified attack of the
majority of the Senate to degrade a man who was
upholding and defending his country's rights before the
move of the "infusion" resolution had set its foot upon
American soil, and while the majority of its supporters
were making in their names arrest.

Resolved: That evidence of the truth of the Masonic in
union there is strength and deriving in our coming state
election to harmonize the democratic party we recommend
that a county meeting of the democrats of Marshall County
should be held at the courthouse at Holly Springs
during the same court for the purpose of appointing delegates
to represent us in the State Convention at Jackson.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded
to the democratic papers of Memphis, and the Washington
Union with the request that they be published.

Respectfully,
Geo. B. Post, Chairman

D. H. Hudson