Dover Oct. 16th 1843.

Dr Sir

I cannot refrain from expressing to you the pleasure which I felt on reading the proceedings of the Democratic meeting in Appoquiminink Hundred as they were contained in the last Gazette. The party will may be, and I believe are, highly pleased with them. For my part, there is not one of the resolutions adopted, that are of a general character, but what I can go in favour of, heart and hand:- But of them all, the 5th and 7th receive my most decided approbation. The 5th contains a principle, that every sincere and intelligent Democrat, will not only profess but do his utmost to have carried into practice. I have mentioned only those two resolutions, but I can assure you, that so far as I have heard them spoken of (and they are very much the subject of conversation) they are all well received and highly approved of; and I must again repeat, by no one more than myself. The course they indicate - the the principles they lay down - and the terms and tone in which they are couched, as well as the time of their publication, are all calculated to operate most beneficially in behalf of this good cause in this region, and I trust all over

Dela.

J. M. Potter

the State. You and all the democrats that composed that meeting will please accept the thanks of myself and many good democrats for this lead off by old Appoquiminiminik. When Kent speaks, you may rest assured that their resolutions will be responded to, and echoed both in word and deed. They have already had the effect to resuscitate our Democratic Association, which meets for the first time, since last election, next monday night - with the view of attending to the assessment and corrector lists, and whatever else appertains to a speedy and thorough organization of our friends. We count on being in a better condition and on making a better fight next time than we ever have done. We have every reason to believe, that Mr Sharp will go out of this county, with a majority over any candidate the whigs can take up. He is now more popular than he ever was, and is becoming daily more and more so. Such will always be the effect, of cheating a man, and throwing him the people, out of his and their, rights.

As an exchange of sentiment among those who are engaged in the same cause, may be of the greatest benefit, I shall be glad to hear from you when convenient, and am, with much esteem, your friend & servant.

S. G. Laws

Dover Nov. 9th 1843

Samuel Townsend Jr.

Dear Sir

The Editor of the Delaware Journal, — not being able to say any thing else against the proceedings of the late Democratic meeting in Appoquinimink Hd., and not being willing to let the occasion pass without saying some=thing, in his paper of 27th ult, was pleased to inform the public, that he "understands Mr William Sharp is a Bank Director!!" and accompanied the announcement, with an attempt to prove the inconsistency of what he calls the "Loco Foco meeting" in nominating Mr Sharp, as a candidate for Governor, immediately after re=solving "To recommend to the Democrats of Dela=ware in all future nominations, to take up no man as a candidate for office that is a president or director in any bank or corporation".

Believing, that the said Editor, in this, as in most other instances, had relied too much, upon the statements, of the interested and venal supporters and advocates, of a false, corrupting and swindling system of Banking, and fraudulent currency; and in compliance with your and others' request; I wrote to Mr S. on the 30th of the same month, for the purpose of getting the facts of the case. His answer, which is dated 4th Nov. 1843 (Post marked Milford) is

now before me, from which I take the following ex=
tract in his own words; viz:

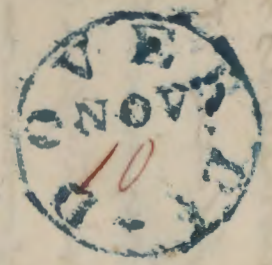
"I was very much surprised when I read your letter to find, that the Journal had made such charge, as I am not now, nor ever have been a bank director, nor even a stock holder in any bank or corporation whatever."

This then gives the lie direct to the Journal's statement:- After which, he concludes his letter, with the request that I should, through you and Mr Welden, make our Democratic friends in Appoquiminink and elsewhere, sensible, of the falsity of the Journal's statement and, as a consequence, of the total injustice of the strictures that were founded thereon - which I assure you I take great pleasure in doing.

In Kent and Sussex, he, and his position, is too well known, to need any denial of a charge so palpably false; - but in your county, it is different, or a statement, as unsubstantial as this, which currency and as indefensible as the motive that prompted it, would not have been put in circulation; it is hoped therefore our friends will not fail to put the matter in its true light in that region; for which purpose, you are at liberty to show this letter, to whom you please. And as I expect to be at Ct. Court, on the 2d day the 21st or 28th next, any person that wishes to see Mr Tharp's own letter, from which the above extract is ta=
ken, will have the opportunity by calling on me for that pur=
pose.

The letter you mailed at Black Bird for me on 23d ult. has not yet come to hand. The Post Master here, assures me, that it has never arrived at his office. To prove which, he showed all the letter way bills, he has received, and his accounts regularly kept of the same, from the first of last Oct. up to the present time — during the whole of which, no letter from Bl. Bird, nor way bill from that place, has arrived at the Dover P. Office, except on the 3d day of this month: — on which day a Bl. Bird letter way bill, arrived containing but one letter, and that a paid one. All this appears manifest by the files of the way bills and the accounts of the same kept according to the rules prescribed by the department. To whom that letter was directed or delivered the P. M. has no recollection. If then the P. M. at Bl. Bird, is certain that the letter in question was regularly mailed on that day for this place, it would seem that there must be some inexcusable laches if nothing worse, at the only intermediate office between the two places. Since the Coon skin reformation has taken place in the Post Office department, so many letters to, and from me, have never come to hand, I have been compelled to have my letters endorsed, by some other person than the the writer of them. You had also better adopt the same expedient. Present my salutations to Mr Wilder and and accept assurances of my esteem and respect.

S. G. Lewis



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Mr. Samuel Townsend pr
Blackbird
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Kent County, near Milford.
November 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

In the Delaware State Journal of the 27 of October ult., appeared an article intended, doubtless, to identify William Sharp Esq. of this County, as a Bank director. I am acquainted with Mr. Sharp and have known him from a boy. I see him once or twice a week, and frequently oftener. I never heard of his being either a Bank director or stockholder, before I saw the statement in the Journal, and I am inclined to think that nobody else ever did; nor had I, that I recollect of, ever asked him whether he was or not; so little did I deem it necessary. But after seeing the Editorial in the Journal, I did ask him, when he frankly told me that he was not, either a director or stockholder in, or of, any bank.

The nearest Bank to Mr. Sharp, is the branch of the Farmers Bank at Georgetown, in Sussex, distant about eighteen or twenty miles. The next nearest, is the mother bank at Dover, distant about twenty five miles.

Mr. Sharp having been nominated by a democratic meeting in Appoquinimink, and elsewhere spoken of, as the democratic Candidate for the office of Governor, makes the question, whether he is or is not, a Bank director, a kind of public property, and it is for this reason I make this communication.

You are at liberty to use it as you see proper.

Most Respectfully,
W. Johnson.

Samuel Townsend Esq.

Samuel Townsend Esq.

Near Blackbird N. C. County

Delaware —

Politeness of Mr Hall

Newcastle Nov. 29/43

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 24th inst. was rec'd the day before I left home, for which I am much obliged. The result of the proceedings - that is their resolutions & of the County meeting are in accordance with what I think was about right. They would however in my opinion, have been some better had one or two of the Appoquinimink resolutions or some similar been incorporated with them. But perhaps they suited the county and the occasion as they are.

If there should be any real necessity, for publishing in the papers of Mr Sharp's letter, I have no doubt he will consent to it: though as you know he would rather some other course should be pursued. I arrived in this place yesterday morning, and shall go to the City tomorrow, where I shall be for a few days, and probably shall return by the way of Wilmington. If I should, I will there consult, with some of our friends, as to the policy of giving his letter a place in the Gazette. We know, that Mr S. is a sound democrat, and in no respect is he somewhat, both in his principles and position and associations, than what he is in reference to corporations.

Knowing, this as we do, the only question remains, is whether it would be policy to publish over his own name what would perhaps be construed, upon the selfishness of some persons who vote, with the party, but would be

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reluctant agents in carrying out its principles.

This is accompanied by a letter of Col. Johnson. I send it unsealed enclosed in one for me. His object in sending it to me in that way, was, that you and I might consult together and determine about its publication. Not having the pleasure of seeing you here as I expected, I leave the question of publishing it entirely to yourself.

The Col. is a particular and intimate friend of mine, and a highly estimable and respectable man. He has been elected a member of both branches of the Legislature, from Kent, by the whigs. But for several years past, he has been completely identified with our party and principles.—especially upon the Currency question:— for like me, he is considered an enthusiast of the Benton hard money school. There is not a man in the State, more opposed to corporations than he, or more ready to avow his opposition. As you doubtless know, he studied law under Clayton, was admitted and practised for several years—but retired from the bar up or down years ago.

So much for the man— the letter speaks for itself— the determination of the use of which I leave entirely to yourself and such of our friends as you may chose to consult.

Present my salutations to our friends and accept assurances of my high respect

S.—G.—Jones

P.S. In the Col.'s letter to me is the following paragraph,— "I have enclosed a letter (unsealed) to Samuel Townsend Esq. At the time I asked Sharp whether or not he was a bank director or stockholder, I said nothing to him about writing, nor he to me, nor have I at any other time. My letter to

Townsend is without his (Sharp's) knowledge or
I have enclosed it to yourself to hand or forward
in order that you and he may determine whether it
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Mr Hall

Dover Jan 28 1844

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 26th inst was duly rec'd and I am glad to find by it that a right spirit prevails and will manifest itself in the right way in Old Massachusetts. I regret that circumstances will prevent me from being with you on the fourth. At the same time, a young Hickory is to be raised in the forest part of Dover Hamond, at a place called Horse head, or Davis's crossroads, at which place, our friends assure and expect me to be. This, together with the absence of Mr Bates who is in the City, will preclude my being with you, except in my best wishes, on that occasion. But Mr Huffington expects to join you and probably Mr Osborne.

In this county, a spirit prevails in the working generally and specially, such as we never before knew any thing of. It is probable that before a month hence, there will not be a crossroads in this County that has not a young hickory. Nor have we ever seen the whigs, especially the

office holders here in Dover, so completely chap=
fallen, disheartened and even discouraged, as they
are and have been ever since our last meeting.

Were there no more charges, we are certain
to elect our County ticket, and of giving
Mr Sharpe a majority of at least two
hundred in Kent. This result some
of the wings dont hesitate privately and in
confidence to admit and deprecate. Did
time wan countenance, when ever the
County of New Castle is mentioned is almost
enough to excite commiseration in any one, p
breast. In a word, confidence,
energy and union, the Democracy of
Kent send greeting, to our friends
of New Castle and especially of old Ch/r=
ploquinimity that will be assembled
on Thursday the ~~[illegible]~~ day, which our an=
cestors have forever consecrated, "by pledg=
ing, their lives, their fortunes and their
sacred honor," in behalf that independence
and equality of rights, for which it
will ever be the duty and ~~the~~ pleasure, of every
~~true [illegible]~~ Democrat - every true hearted
American, to contend.

Give my respects to Dr Chaytor and to the rest
of our friends with whom I have the pleasure of
being acquainted and I remain with sentiments
of high regard your sincere Obt Svt Saly-Lewis

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Mr Samuel Townsend Jr.
Blackbird
New Castle Co.
Delaware

Ipswich Nov. 20th. 1844

Samuel Townsend Jun. Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th. reached me on the 18th. instant. Never having applied for an office my self I am but little acquainted with the manner and form of such applications. The Secretary of the Treasury has the appointment of the inspectors of the revenue, but I believe he generally refers it pretty much to the collectors within whose district they are situated.

I think it most likely there will be no change of inspectors until a new Collector is appointed, and that Mr. Hicks will be the new Collector. His interest will therefore be most important to you. For myself it is impossible that I should undertake to prefer and support your application. [redacted] I have ever since the receipt of yours been confined by rheumatism; am now hardly able to stand up, and totally unfit to write. I know that you have been a very efficient party man and are reduced in your circumstances. I have no doubt moreover but you would make a good inspector, and should the party unite on you, it would give me pleasure to see you appointed for Port Penn or to any other suitable office by the fair discharge of the duties of which you could support your family. [redacted] In this letter you are at liberty to use as you may think proper. I believe the usual mode of applying for office is to get up a recommendation and obtain the signature of the leading

men in the neighborhoods (say in your case; New Castle County)

Very Respectfully

Yours

Martin W. Bates

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Samuel Townsend Jun. Esq.
Blackbird
New Castle County
Del.

N Wach Bird october th 26 1846

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I write you a few or two sequesting you to informe me by mail who was the author of two pieces that was put in to the Del gazette last winter one was signed truth and the other signed temperate of course thy sent his or their real signatures and I wish you to give me the real name by complying you will save yourselves trouble and expense as I am determined to have the name or names let the cost be what it may yes my Regrt

J

Wilmington Oct 26. 1846

Mr Townsend

Dear Sir:

There is such a press of business in the Office that your handbills cannot be printed before tomorrow or next day. This will allow you notice sufficient for the meeting. You will perceive, I have taken the liberty of altering in some measure the phraseology of your bill, keeping I think, the whole of the substance.

With great respect
Your Obt Serv.
William Huffington

Take notes of what Houston says next Saturday if you are at the Whig meeting.

Samuel Townsend Esq
Black Bird
Delaware.

Near Bloed Reed November the 2 1846

Mess Harper & Johnson

Dear Sir

I sent a letter to you and Johnson a few days a go requesting the names of the individuals or individuale that was the author of two communications that was published in the Delaware gazette last winter one of them was signed truth and the other signed temperate and so far I have received no answer now sirs from present appearances I shall be under the necessity of commencing a suit against one or booth of you as my attorney shall advise & I also inclose three dollars in this letter wich I believe will pay you for your paper that I have been taking I think the year is not out yet and if it should not be ~~untill the Election you may send it untill then~~ send the paper untill the yearly subscription shall expire and then stop it & as I cannot or will not pay my money and encourage a paper ~~which~~ I do not like one of the proprietors of said paper and I should have stoped it long a go only it was a political year and I respected the new editor and also the last new proprietor but now as I respect the Democratic party a well I never can or will support the party the only a although at present the only Democrat paper in the state ~~untill Johnson~~ or of the proprietors

whilst Johnson is a proprietor or in any manner concerned in the paper & this is a private letter but as it was Johnsons course last winter to publish my hasty private letters he is at full liberty to publish this letter allthough it may be bad grammer &

Yours Very Respectfully

Samuel Townsend

Copys of two letters Sent
to Harriet Johnson in october
and November 1846

Wilmington Nov 5. 1846

Dear Sir

I want to ask the favor of you to have you send the returns of Capt Hunter as soon as they are counted off, have the number of each man's vote on both tickets we frequently get only part of returns on a ticket — send them to C. Bridge I will try & get foster to bring them to St Georges where we will meet. I don't expect we will get done counting off here before morning, I expect our ticket will be full of Jon's. I think however we will have a good majority some say 150, certainly Tharp will get that, I think Mr Dilworth will run well up with his ticket but not up with Mr Tharp

As soon as we get the returns of the County we will send them on below. say nothing about this. Write me on the receipt of this that there may be no disappointment.

I fear we have lost New-York on account of the Anti rentors

Yours &c

A. Porter

Saml Townsend Jun Esqr

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Saml. Townsend Jun Esq
Blackbird Del

Smyrna Nov. 9th 1841

Mr Saml Townsend

Sir Elija Williams has this day moved his bed and board over from our County to yours and I presume he will offer to vote at your polls. keep a look out for him yours

Jas L Bailey

N.B Mr Newton I think can be persuaded to assist Sharp if you will see him he lives over on Patterson place

J. L. B

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Mr Samuel Townsend
Blackbird
Delaware

Wilmington Nov 15th 1846

Dear Sir,

I have not heard any thing from you now for a long time, but presume it is owing to your engagements politically. The battle has been fought and a partial victory gained; it might have been made one of more advantage had the Democratic Temperance men voted the regular ticket in place of voting the temperance ticket as they did — the Whig temperance men stuck to their regular nomination and thereby deceived our men. This, with a deception in Mill Creek Hundred, lost us the Legislature. That is to be regretted as it debars the Governor in his movements, and deprives us of a U. S. Senator.

I however fully believed, had the Delaware City Meeting acted differently we might have carried every thing in the State by a large majority. But unfortunately it was managed by the same men as here=to fore, and owing to a near sighted selfish policy, which has ever influenced them, we have again had to suffer. This state of things

must be changed or we will lose the little we have gained, in 1848. The old Hunkers must stand back, and let the more active and energetic partisans take the direction. This spirit of personal animosity, and desire to trample down certain persons must now have a termination, or the party is damned effectually.

If we purpose doing any thing at the next election we must begin now — there is no time to lose — for our opponents will move heaven and earth to gain the State then. I am firmly of the opinion we may defeat them if we only begin at once, and manage properly — nothing for the "public eye" — but silently & cautiously. My mode of proceeding I will give you when I have the pleasure of seeing you, and hope that will not be at a very distant period. I have been in my day a very active politician, and feel sure I can advance some hints on party organization that will not be much out of the way.

Let me know by the mail in advance, when you purpose being up, so I may make my arrangements to spend some hours with you.

Your Friend
Clayton

Saml Townsend Esq

Private and Confidential

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of asking of you the favor, of soliciting the Governor for two offices for myself. Do not start at this request, for I assure they are not of any profit. They are Port Physician and Aid-de-Camp in his Staff.

The first I ask for as a little help to me professionally the second on behalf of my Company as every one of them save two voted for him and the party, and did all they could to advance the cause.

I do not think my request unreasonable and feel assured you will do for me all in your power. I do not like to ask myself for any thing, and would not ask even a friend to do so for me if the offices were of any value, as I feel assured they in that case would certainly refuse, even if such is not the result in this instance. I assure you Townsend, I fear it, as I have ever been met with the cold shoulder in this state from my party.

Yours &c

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Mr John & Samuel Townsend

Aug 6, 47

Sirs I have been down to see the Governor to ask for the appointment of Magestrate in Delaware City in lieu of Phillip H Lewis resigned and all he asked of me was a few names by way of recomdation and yours he mentioned among the rest if you will be good enough to say a word in my favor I will be much obliged, please mail it to day so he can get it tomorrow as he expects to have an immoay to go north for his health

please adhere to this request and much oblige your friend and humble servant

Jas. Richards

James Ricords
1847

Lieut John W. Barnard
Lawrence N.Y.
Legal

Recd Aug 6 1847