COLUMBIA, JULY 20.

The Election.

We desire to give our opinion on this subject, with candour and regard to the interests of our country. The election approaches. The spirit of party is strongly felt. We cannot but entertain apprehensions that, unless the election is conducted in the most satisfactory manner, the confidence of the people will be endangered. We are of opinion that the election should be conducted with the greatest care and precision, and that every effort should be made to prevent any possibility of fraud.

The times have been marked by several occurrences, which have shown the necessity of the most strict vigilance and caution. The public mind is much excited, and the movements of the people are watched with the greatest attention. We are informed that a high source, now unconfident, is about to pass the Secretary of State, and that the Secretary of War is about to be transferred to a higher post. These are matters of general interest, which require the closest attention.

We believe that the intended movement is not only well-intentioned, but well-advised. We, therefore, recommend the Secretary of State to take the advice of the Cabinet, and the Secretary of War to continue in office until the matter is fully considered.

It is known to our readers, that the Secretary of State has been for some time in close consultation with the Chief Magistrate, who has been much interested in the result of the movement. We believe that the Secretary of State has the confidence of the Cabinet, and that he is in a position to command the necessary support of the Army.

We are assured by those who are well-informed, that the Secretary of State has the support of the Army, and that he is in a position to command the necessary support of the Navy.

As we have said, the movement is known to be in the interest of the country, and we believe that it will be carried into effect with the best intentions.

We wish to conclude by expressing our confidence in the Secretary of State, and in the Cabinet, and in the Army and Navy, as the best means of preserving the interests of the country.

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