

The following document has been issued by a portion of the citizens of Parkersburg:

Clarksburg in Disguise—Business Men Reflect Upon the Duty of the Hour—Workmen Look to Your Interests.

It is well understood that a large majority of our voters are for Charleston in the present contest for the Capital. The reason for this is palpable. Our interests are with Charleston, and our sympathies are in the same direction. We have nothing in common with Clarksburg. Clarksburg defeated Parkersburg for the Capital in 1869, and has never given to Parkersburg a friendly support. We are under no obligations to Clarksburg, and we cannot afford to give her the aid which she denied to us. We cannot give our votes to build up wholesale houses in her midst, to destroy our trade in her behalf, and to take away business from our doors and labor from our homes. The Third district has had no recognition, and public economy demands that the people shall accept the magnificent tender by the people of Charleston of a State House and grounds free. Thus, public economy, a sense of justice, our own interests, and our own sympathies, all combine to give Charleston our friendship in this race. All this is well understood, and hence, under pretense of defeating an election, and giving Parkersburg a chance hereafter, a movement is gotten up in the interest of Clarksburg, appealing to our people to vote for either Martinsburg or Clarksburg. The fight is to beat Charleston and elect Clarksburg. Let us not be deceived. There is no session of the Legislature next winter. An extra session cannot be convened, except on the call of the Governor; or two-thirds of the members. The Governor cannot interfere, by the use of his official power, in this sectional contest. It would be wrong and suicidal for him to do so. The members who favor either of the places named in the present bill will oppose it. There will be therefore, and there can be, no extra session. Thus, the only result of defeating an election now would be to bring the race between Charleston and Clarksburg at the next election. That will increase the chances of Clarksburg. Candidates for Congress, county clerks and members of the Legislature will bring out a full vote. A full vote in the First and Second districts will defeat Charleston next year! So it is plain that the effort to defeat an election now is a Clarksburg dodge. A vote for Martinsburg now is a vote for Clarksburg then. Men of Wood county, this is our great and only chance to elect the place of our choice among the three! We are not children, to deal with this grave question as a plaything. Vote for Charleston now and settle this question forever, in favor of our own sympathies and in furtherance of our own interests!

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