

and also that he can prove, by the said William B. Giles, that the President of the United States has avowed, in conversation with him, a sentiment to this effect, that he thought the executive department of the United States ought to be vested with power to direct and control the public will.

That he believes he shall be able to prove, by General Blackburn, that he did receive an address from John Adams, President of the United States, in answer to the field officers of Bath County, in which the said President does avow that there was a party in Virginia which deserved to be humbled into dust and ashes before the indignant frowns of their injured, insulted, and offended country. That he is advised and believes that it is material to his defense against the indictment aforesaid, that he should procure authentic copies of sundry answers made by the President of the United States to addresses from the inhabitants of the United States, in various parts thereof, which authentic copies he cannot procure, so as to be in readiness for trial during the present term. That he is advised and doth believe, that a certain book, entitled "An Essay on Canon and Feudal Law," or entitled in words to that purport, ascribed to the President of the United States, and of which he believes the President is the author, is material to his defense, and that he cannot procure a copy of the same, and evidence that the said President is the author thereof, without being allowed several weeks, and perhaps months, for the purpose. That he is told by the counsel who mean to appear for him, that they cannot possibly be prepared to investigate the evidence relating to the several charges in the indictment, even if all the persons and documents wanted were upon the spot.

The COURT granted a postponement till the ensuing Monday.

*June 2.*

*Mr. Hay* asked a postponement for a few hours until it could be ascertained whether *Mr. Giles* would attend or not. The badness of the weather on the preceding day, it was suggested, had probably prevented his arrival in town as early as might otherwise have been expected.

*June 3.*

A motion for a postponement until November was renewed by *Mr. Hay*. He said that *Mr. Giles* had not arrived, and that he did not then expect him. *Mr. Giles* would, probably, presume that the indictment was either tried or continued to the day to which he was summoned, and as he had not come on that day he could not be expected at