

How glaring are such inconsistencies. Mr. Ferguson is a gentleman of honor and integrity, and of the highest order of intellect. He must enjoy himself hugely laughing in his sleeves at the sycophancy of the phalanx press. The blandishments from such a source, on such a subject, will have the same effect as nitric acid on gold, only make it purer.

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GOV. BIGLER & GEN. DENVER.—With all due deference to the American Journals that endeavor to excuse the course of the Secretary of State and Congressman elect, General Denver, in leaving the duties of his office to be discharged by a subordinate without surrendering his commission and the Seal of the State into the hands of the one who is empowered by the constitution to keep it, we cannot repress the conviction that from the moment the Secretary of State left the door of his office with the intention of never more giving the business of the office his personal supervision, that moment his commission ought to cease.

Many are the duties of a Secretary of State, which, if he felt, as he ought to do, the responsibilities resting upon him, he would be loth to leave in the hands of an agent, especially when he is by leaving the State debarring himself of the power to call the acts of his deputy in question, before the expiration of his own term of office when he is to render a final account of his stewardship. Gen. Denver, as Secretary of State, is a member of the Board of Education, State Librarian, Wagon Road Commissioner, member of the Board of Examiners of the Indian War Fund, Land Commissioner, &c., and it is a matter of serious doubt if the Secretary has the right to absent himself from the scene of so many duties, leaving himself nominally responsible yet really irresponsible for the manner of their execution. Certainly out of justice to himself Gen. Denver ought to have resigned before taking his departure for Washington.

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