

## GEN. HOUSTON A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

The Huntsville Recorder announces the fact that Gen. Houston is a candidate for Governor. This announcement does not take the people of Texas altogether by surprise. Hints and intimations have been thrown out from time to time from various quarters, intended to operate as feelers, and prepare public opinion for such a result. Still there were many who thought Gen. Houston would not run; and until recently confess ourselves one of this number. We know his vanity was great, and that he clung tenaciously to the hope that he was omnipotent in Texas;—but we thought he had too much judgment to be willing to test his strength. Such, however, is not the case, and he goes before the people for their endorsement or rejection. He lets go his hold upon popular favor with struggling, spasmodic reluctance; and in order to retain, or rather regain his footing, he is willing to put his strongest private friendships to a severe test. He comes before the people, for their endorsement, not because their political sentiments accord with his own; but relying upon personal feelings, and personal friendships to assist him. He expects private attachments to him are to make men play false to their principles; and he is willing to drive his personal friends to this alternative; to support him at the expense of their principles; or adhere to their principles, and sacrifice private friendships; and this, too, for no public good, but simply to gratify his vanity. Such a purpose is unworthy the ambition of great men, and finds no approval in noble minds. Gen. Houston has many warm *personal* friends among the Democracy, and he knows it; and by taking advantage of and abusing the ties of friendship, he expects to cripple the Democracy in the coming election. The people of Texas will not be slow to perceive upon what Gen. Houston rests his hopes of success; and they will know how to act when the emergency comes. We could have wished he had stood aloof in this canvass. In the Senate he has played false to Texas and the South. The day of his usefulness has passed. The nation has no confidence in him, and the South has less. It would have been better for his own glory if he had retired from public life many years ago; and the sooner he retires now the better. If, when the glories which surrounded the field of San Jacinto were fresh upon him, he had stepped back from the busy theatre of the world, posterity would have remembered him gratefully. But he has lived too long. The nation has no confidence in him—the Democracy repudiates him, and Know Nothingism contemns him; and seeks only to make a tool of him. He has nothing now to bind him to life but the ties of private friendships, and these he is willing to put to a test not worthy of Gen. Houston. He forces his friends to decide between their country and him. They must either be false to the South or abandon him. We believe when the hour of trial comes, the people of Texas will be true to their instincts, to their country and themselves. We know the devotion of our people to the South; and we do not believe they will prove false even for Gen. Houston. If they endorse him, they must repudiate the stand the South has taken. This they cannot do; and this Gen. Houston will learn. They cannot forget his abandonment of the South; and as ‘Remember the Alamo’ was heard amid the din of battle, on the field of San Jacinto; so ‘Remember Kansas’ will be the battle cry in August next.