

PROSPECTUS  
 FOR  
 "THE TRUE AMERICAN."

A number of native Kentuckians, slaveholders and others, propose to publish in the CITY OF LEXINGTON, a paper devoted to gradual and constitutional emancipation, so as at some definite time to place our State upon the firm, safe and just basis of liberty. The time has come when a large and respectable party, if not a majority of the people, are prepared to take this subject up, and act so as to secure, the end proposed, without injustice to any but with eminent benefit to all. A press is only necessary to give concentrated effort and final success by free conference of opinion and untrammelled discussion.

We propose to act as a *State party*, not to unite with any party, State or National; expecting aid and encouragement from the lovers of liberty of all parties, we shall treat them with studied courtesy and forbearance so far as it may be consistent with the integrity of the principles which govern us.

It is not proposed that our members should cut loose from their old party associations. The press under our control will appeal *temperately* but *firmly* to the interests and the reason, not to the passions, of our people: we shall take care rigidly to respect the legal rights of others, because we intend to *maintain our own*. We shall attempt to sustain in good faith the "*freedom of the press*." Whilst our organ will conscientiously vindicate and uphold the Christian morality in ethics, and constitutional republicanism in politics, its columns shall be open to all sects in all things concerning human action: believing with Jefferson that there is no error so dangerous but that it may be left safely to the combat of reason, we utterly repudiate that false philosophy and time serving expediency which caters to the tyranny of opinion by excluding from the press whatever does not suit the fastidious tastes of "patrons"—our readers shall not be our masters; if they love not truth, they may go elsewhere. The times call for language plain, bold and true,—our cause is good,—our press shall be *independent* or cease to exist,—designed to accomplish great purposes, to vindicate principles of interest to all mankind, it shall subserve the elevation of no man, disdain personal denunciation, and share the glory of its triumphs among all its supporters. A native born Kentuckian has engaged to edit "*The True American*," and as his opinions and feelings are expressed in the above outline of party action, he will be untrammelled in his independence, so long as he is faithful to the principles of his adoption.

"The True American" will be published weekly, in the City of Lexington, Kentucky; and it is proposed to make it embrace all the matter common in newspapers; especially will it regard the high place which labor holds in the economy of nature, and insist upon its enjoyment of a fair distribution of the products of capital. The size and appearance of the paper shall be as studiously becoming and tasteful as its means will allow.

TERMS. { *Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum, payable in advance.*  
 { *To any person or club taking five copies, Ten Dollars.*

Numbers sent to persons not having once paid, to be regarded as gratuitous.

Advertisements according to current rates.

Bank Notes of par value receivable from all parts of the Union, but Kentucky paper will be preferred. Letters to be directed to the undersigned, *post paid* in all cases.

The first number will be issued about the first of June, and all subscribers are desired to send in their names by the first day of May next.

C. M. CLAY,

*On behalf of himself and others.*

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Wm. C. BELL, Esq., is our sole Agent for this paper north of "Mason and Dixon's line."

Subscribers' Names.

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