

This is the Pamphlet mentioned by J. F. Polk in his answer to the First Corp Interrogatory of Dependents of the 1st Mass. Regt. of Missions
 J. F. Polk
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JOSIAH F. POLK'S REJOINDER

TO THE REPLY OF

Robert J. Henry, J. W. Crisfield and C. C. Carroll

SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Virginia Polk mother-sister friend of Virginia Williams
 against William Williams. In Chambers.

I have just seen a pamphlet entitled "A reply to the publication of Josiah F. Polk, entitled, Disgraceful scene," signed by the chief actors, Robert J. Henry, J. W. Crisfield and C. C. Carroll, and dated September, 12th, 1836.

They begin with an aspersion of my credibility, saying, that were I as well known to the public as to them, they should deem their reply unnecessary, &c. I will tell the public what knowledge this trio has of me. Our knowledge of each other I presume is equal; and I confess I know them not, save in relation to the aforesaid disgraceful scene they acted. With Mr. Henry, I had, many years ago, a very slight acquaintance—(we lived 25 or 30 miles apart) and I frankly acknowledge that the opinion I had formed of him, induced me to expect of him better things.

Mr. Crisfield I never saw until a few weeks ago, and I am not sure that I had ever before heard of him. He emigrated to Somerset after I had left there. Of course we are entire strangers to each other.

As to Mr. Carroll, he has grown up since I left the county, and I have no recollection of him when a boy, and we have never been acquainted. I was told by persons of the first standing who do know him, that any thing better was not to be expected from him, and that he was not worthy of notice. In consequence of which I should not have noticed him in my publication, as it would be giving him a grateful consequence; but being one of the beautiful Trio, I could not separate them without spoiling the happy unity. I am not more surprised at any thing contained in the Trio's pamphlet, than to see that Mr. Carroll has not said, it was I and not himself that tore the child from its mother. And after the bold and shameless denial of some of the facts, by the Trio, and their assertions in the face of truth and decency, I only wonder that they did not say I was attended at Mr. Henry's by a dozen armed men, instead of two women only. The public, however, are fully sensible of