

General ROBERT ARMSTRONG, of the Washington *Union*, whose death is announced by telegraph this morning, was a native of East Tennessee; his age was about 65 years. He removed at an early day to Nashville, where he lived as Merchant and Postmaster until 1845, when Mr. POLK, the President elect, gave him *carte blanche* to make choice of any post of honor or profit in the gift of the new Administration. As he had been his confidential counsellor while canvassing for Governor of the State, and his most efficient and influential friend in the hotly-contested Presidential campaign against Mr. CLAY, in 1844, this mark of gratitude was not undeserved, and the result was the selection of the Consulship at Liverpool, to which Gen. A. was appointed.

Few men enjoyed so long and constantly, and so nearly, the confidence of Gen. JACKSON, as this gentleman. His personal influence over the Old Hero was almost unbounded, and unlike the mere parasites who followed his fortunes for the advancement they promised, it may be said, in just praise of his memory, that he never abused it to selfish or wicked ends. The intimacy was first of the camp, and subsequently of the hearth-stone. The respect entirely mutual. The political promotion to which this enviable position at the Hermitage might have raised General ARMSTRONG, was uniformly declined. The Post-Office at Nashville was bestowed on him in 1829, and was accepted as the means of support to a large family. He made an efficient officer, popular with all parties, and so generally and highly regarded by his Whig neighbors, that on the incoming of General HARRISON'S Administration in 1841, they not only refused to petition for his removal, but interposed an influence at Washington to prevent it.

General ARMSTRONG earned his military titles, to the highest of which he was promoted in the Florida War of 1836, by active field-service. He was a volunteer Lieutenant in the campaigns of 1813-15, and was severely wounded at the battle of Talladega, against the Creek Indians, while gallantly defending a field-piece, of which his company had charge. In private life, he was a kind neighbor and generous friend; and although his party affinities were warm and decided, they were uniformly held subordinate to his social relations.