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MAJOR SHELLEY'S DECLENSION.—The last Western mail, which arrived here on the seventh inst. (Two days after the election!) brought us a letter from Maj. SHELLEY, notifying us of his withdrawal from the Congressional canvas!!—In justice to him, however, we state the fact, that his letter bears date the 31st July, and was written apparently in the expectation of its reaching us in time for publication in our last paper—but it is post-marked "St. Charles, 3d August," (the day our paper was prin-

(ted)—and if it had not have been sent, together with all the other letters and papers for this place, to Fayette, and from thence returned two or three days afterwards, (through some mismanagement of the St. Charles Postmaster) it would have been received by us late on Monday evening, (after all the votes had been taken.)

Maj. S. did, indeed, publish his withdrawal, in the St. Louis Republican and Times, of Friday and Saturday, preceding the election—and this was all the notice the people had: It was annexed to his letter, which appeared in our last week's paper, and republished in the Republican and Times—and is as follows:

“ Towards Dr. Bull I have never for a moment entertained feelings of hostility or disrespect; and however great the difference between our political principles may be, I have always esteemed him, and often defended him, as a gentleman and a man of honor, and if I could have done so consistently with my pretensions to the same character, I should assuredly, long since have retired from the canvass, agreeably to the request of many of our mutual friends. On this subject, I have only to say, that as I am now well convinced that the political principles, and views of our Missouri interests, which I entertain and by which I am guided, are yet in a very lean majority in this State, and that my election is consequently impossible, I do most anxiously hope that no votes may be given to me, that would, if I were out of view, be given to Dr. Bull, for I consider it very important for the honor and interest of the State, under existing circumstances, that the Doctor should be elected, as there is every reason to hope will be the case.”