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Short Title: **A View of the Whole Ground.**

Author: McCarty, John Mason (1795-1852).

Title: A view of the whole ground: being the whole correspondence between Mr. John M. M'Carty and General A.T. Mason. District of Columbia....September....1818.

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Notes: Title page lacks imprint; most authorities ascribe this item to a Washington press, based on the dateline, so losing sight of the origin of both the text and controversy detailed herein.

In April 1817, Mason lost a tight congressional election to incumbent Charles Fenton Mercer; Mason challenged the result, charging that Mercer had rigged the vote in Loudoun County by bringing in unqualified voters, so leading to a vituperative exchange between the two men in Leesburg's newspapers, with Mason's side printed in the *Genius of Liberty* of Samuel B.T. Caldwell, and Mercer's side in *The Washingtonian* of Patrick McIntyre; both men published edited collections of the exchange (1818.069 & 1818.070) before Mason's focus shifted to McCarty; while both his brother-in-law and a cousin, Mason thought McCarty had cast a vote illegally for Mercer, leading McCarty to assume Mercer's place as Mason's adversary in the pages of McIntyre's *Washingtonian*; this title reported McCarty's view of his dispute with Mason as of September 1818. As the text herein draws largely on the content seen in the *Washingtonian*, this item was almost certainly issued by McIntyre as well, so the attribution here, in contrast to its regular ascription to a Washington press.

This publication only deepened the conflict between Mason and McCarty; the epistolary conflict led to a duel between the kinsmen in February 1819, resulting in Mason's death.

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