

**The Richmond Whig on the Death of
the President.**

From *The Richmond Whig* of Monday last,
which comes to us in the garb of mourning, we extract
the following editorial:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN!—The heaviest
blow which has ever fallen upon the people of the South
has descended. Abraham Lincoln, the President of the
United States, has been assassinated! The decease of
the Chief Magistrate of the nation, at any period, is an
event which profoundly affects the public mind; but the
time, manner and circumstances of President Lincoln's
death render it the most momentous, the most appalling,
the most deplorable calamity which has ever befallen
the people of the United States.

The thoughtless and the vicious may affect to derive
satisfaction from the sudden and tragic close of the
President's career; but every reflecting person will
deplore the awful event. Just as everything was hap-
pily conspiring to a restoration of tranquility, under
the benignant and magnanimous policy of Mr. Lincoln,
comes this terrible blow. God grant that it may not
rekindle excitement or inflame passion again.

That a state of war, almost fratricidal, should give
rise to bitter feelings and bloody deeds in the field was
to be expected, but that the assassin's knife and bullet
should follow the great and best loved of the nation in
their daily walks, and reach them when surrounded by
their friends, is an atrocity which will shock and appal
every honorable man and woman in the land.

The secrecy with which the assassin or assassins pur-
sued their victims indicates that there were but few
accomplices in this inhuman crime. The abhorrence
with which it is regarded on all sides will, it is hoped,
deter insane and malignant men from the emulation of
the infamy which attaches to this infernal deed.

We cannot pursue this subject further. We contem-
plate too deeply and painfully the terrible aspects of this
calamity to comment upon it farther.

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