

# Eulogy on Henry Clay

Given July 6,  
1852

In Springfield,  
Illinois

By Abraham  
Lincoln







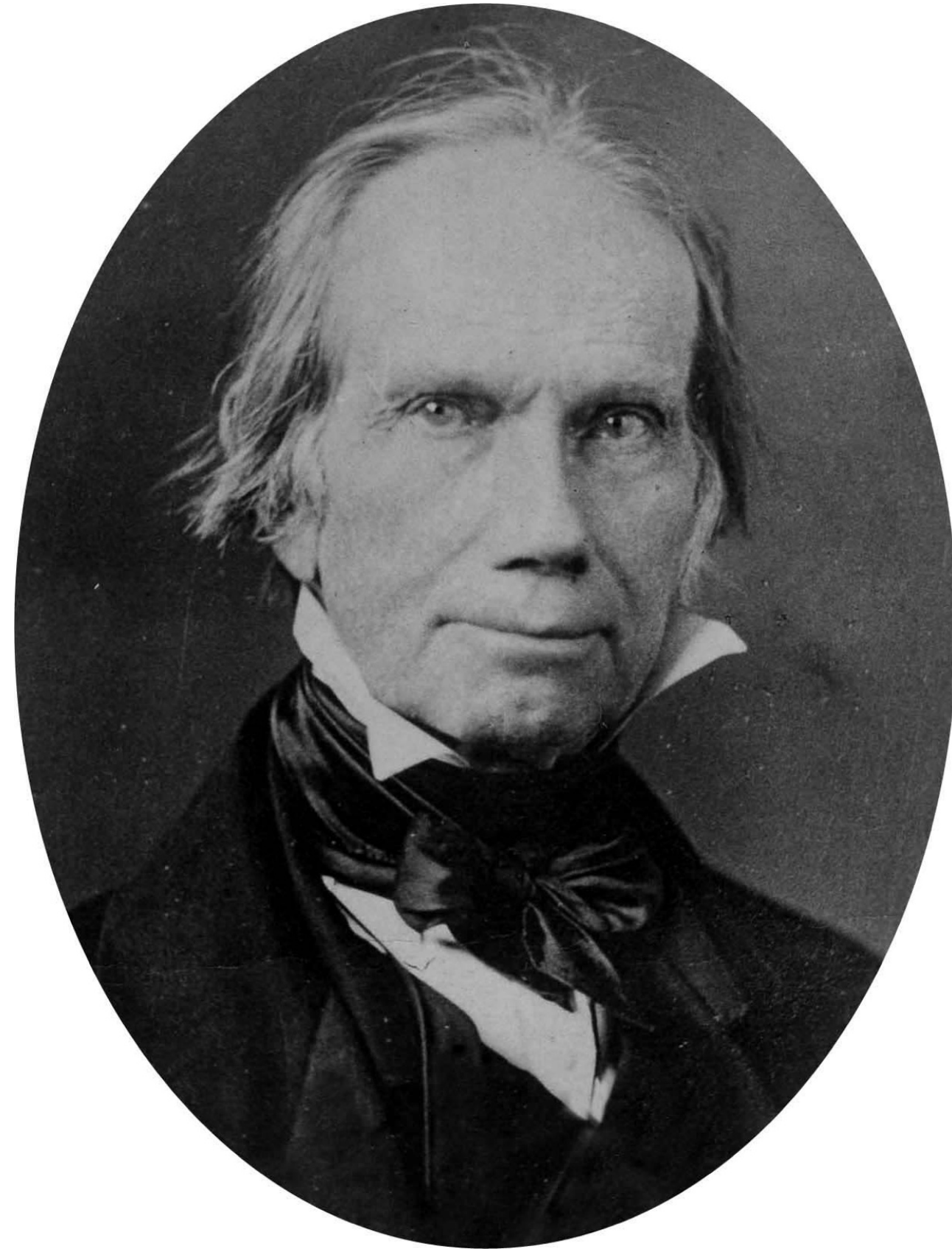
**Lincoln spoke about his hero,  
Henry Clay, who died June 29, 1852**

**This speech occurred in  
Springfield**

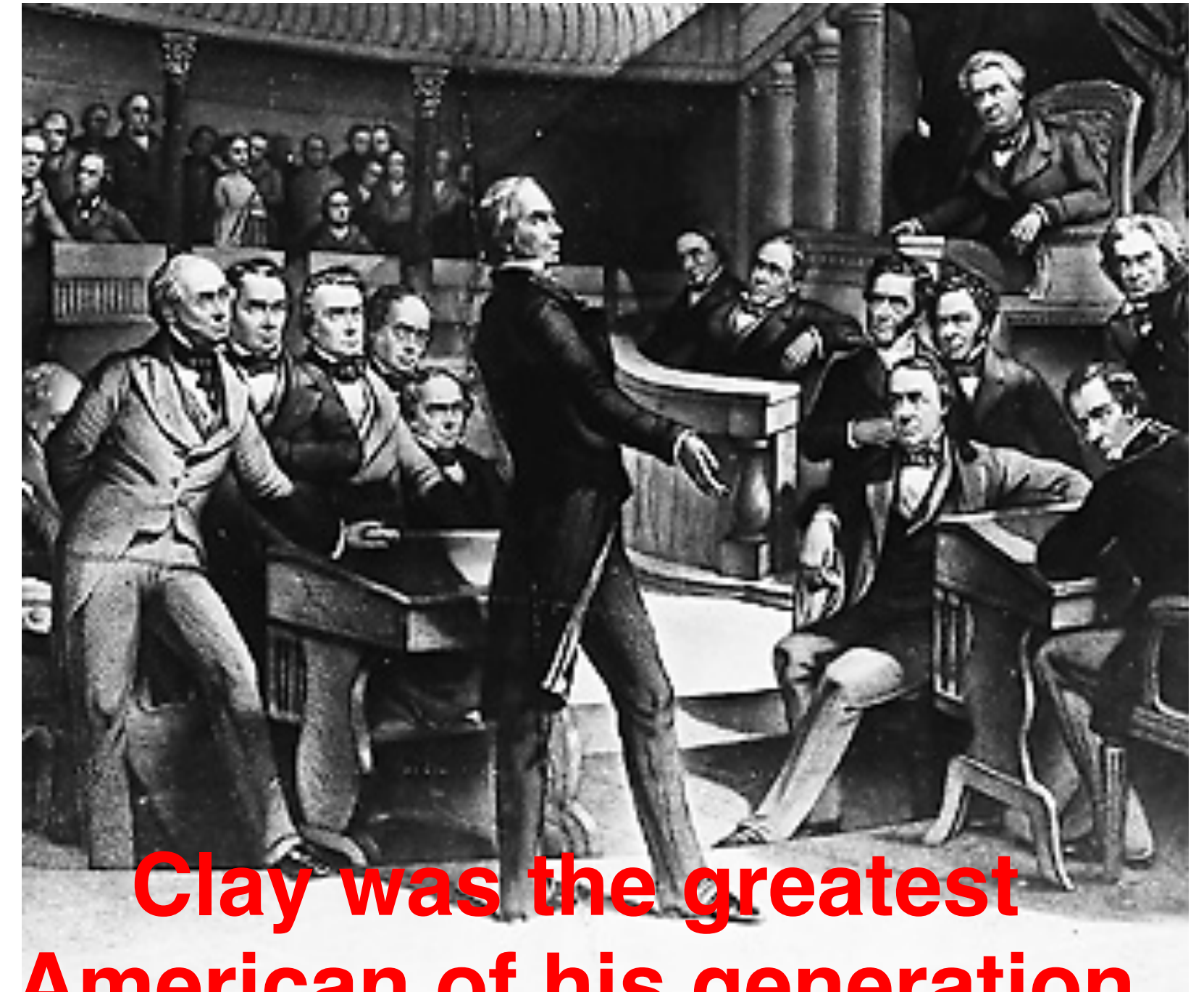


**Clay was born in Virginia in  
1777 and lived in Kentucky on  
Ashland plantation**





**Clay's  
death  
brought  
sadness  
to  
Americans  
around the  
country**



**Clay was the greatest  
American of his generation**



Lincoln  
glorifies  
Clay's  
history  
before the  
Springfield  
crowd



Clay called for  
the vote to enter  
war against  
Britain in 1812





**Clay held many government jobs**

**Including**

**Kentucky House Rep**

**Kentucky Speaker of the House**



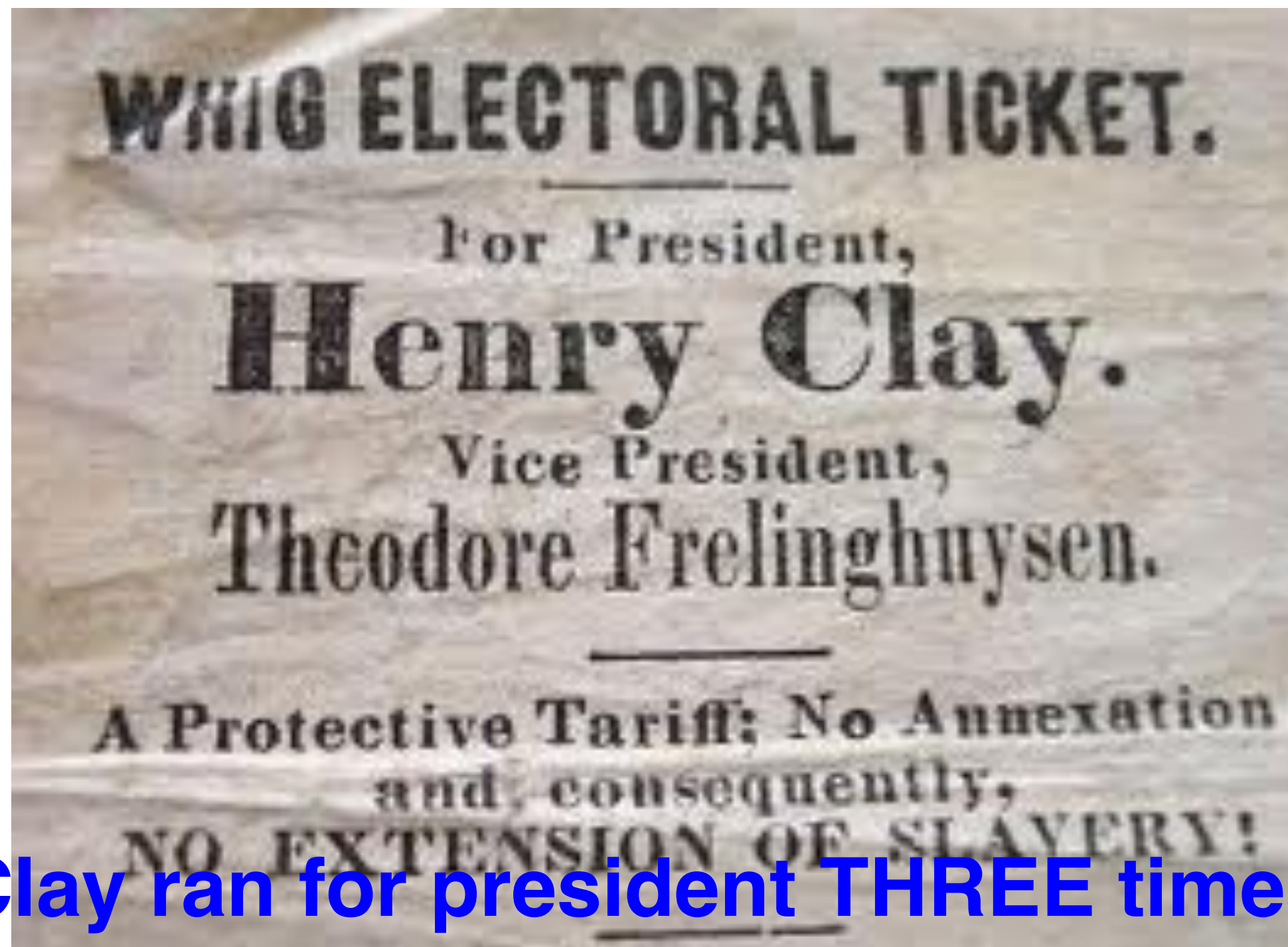
**US House representative**

**US Secretary of State**

**Negotiated the Treaty of Ghent**

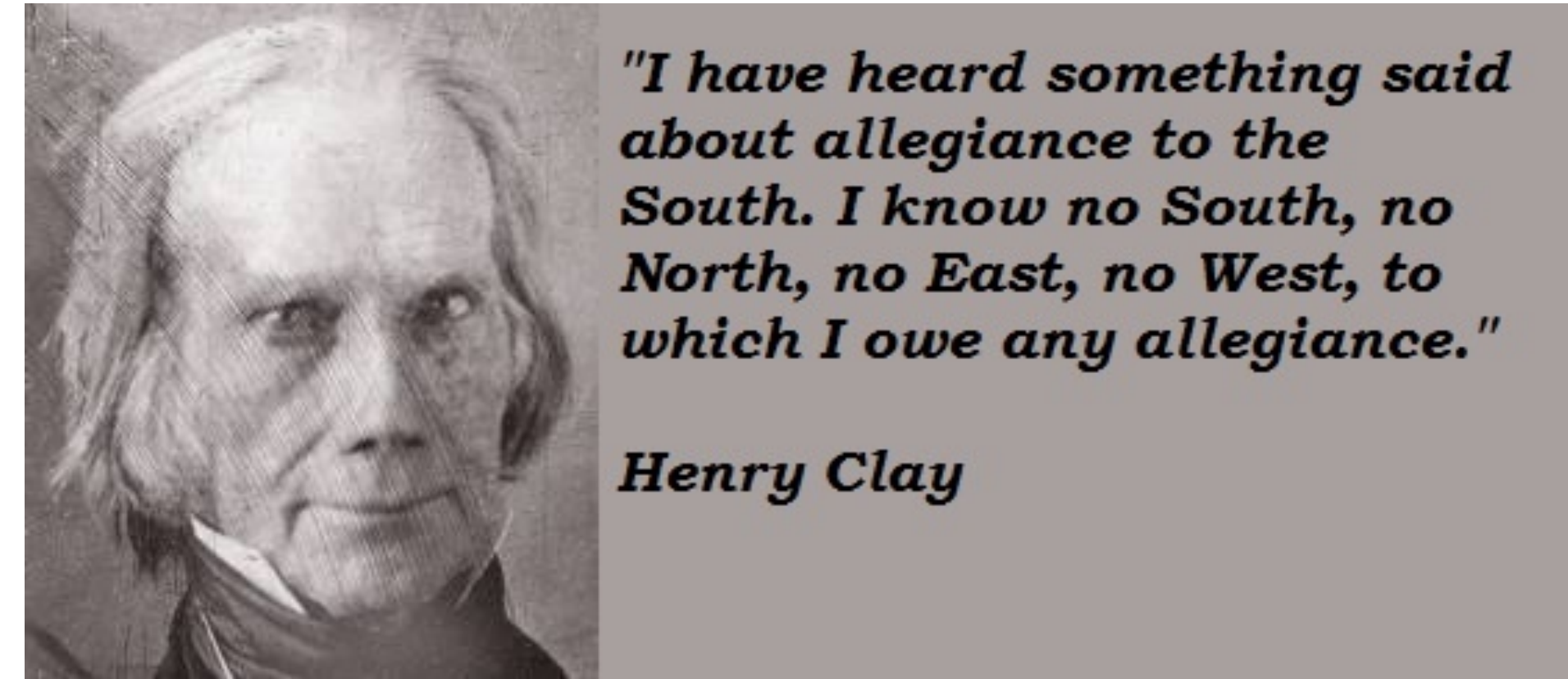
**US Senator**





Clay ran for president **THREE** times,

But he lost every time.



Clay had **THREE** great achievements

These actions kept America united!



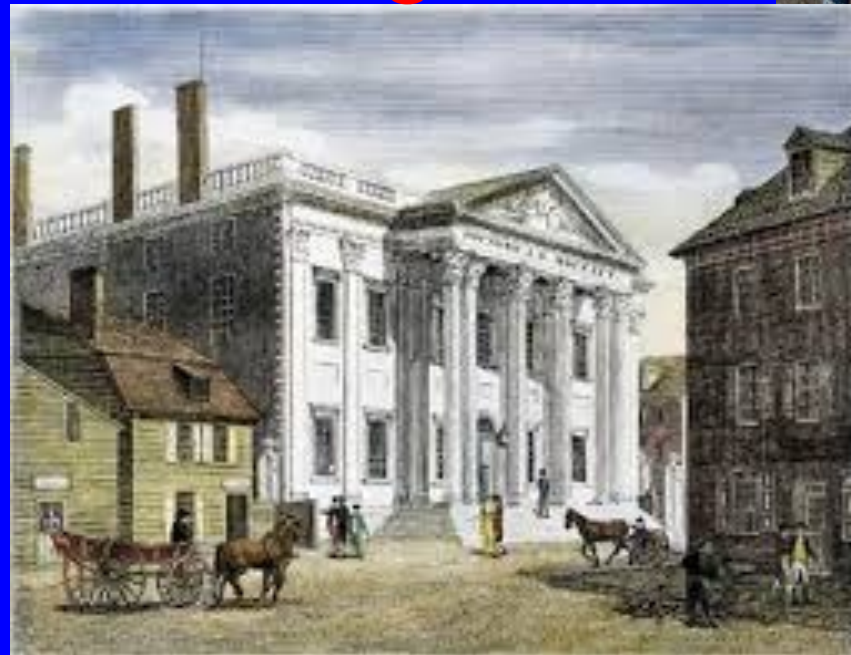
Clay supported the American System.

He liked interstate roads (National Road),

The Bank of the United States

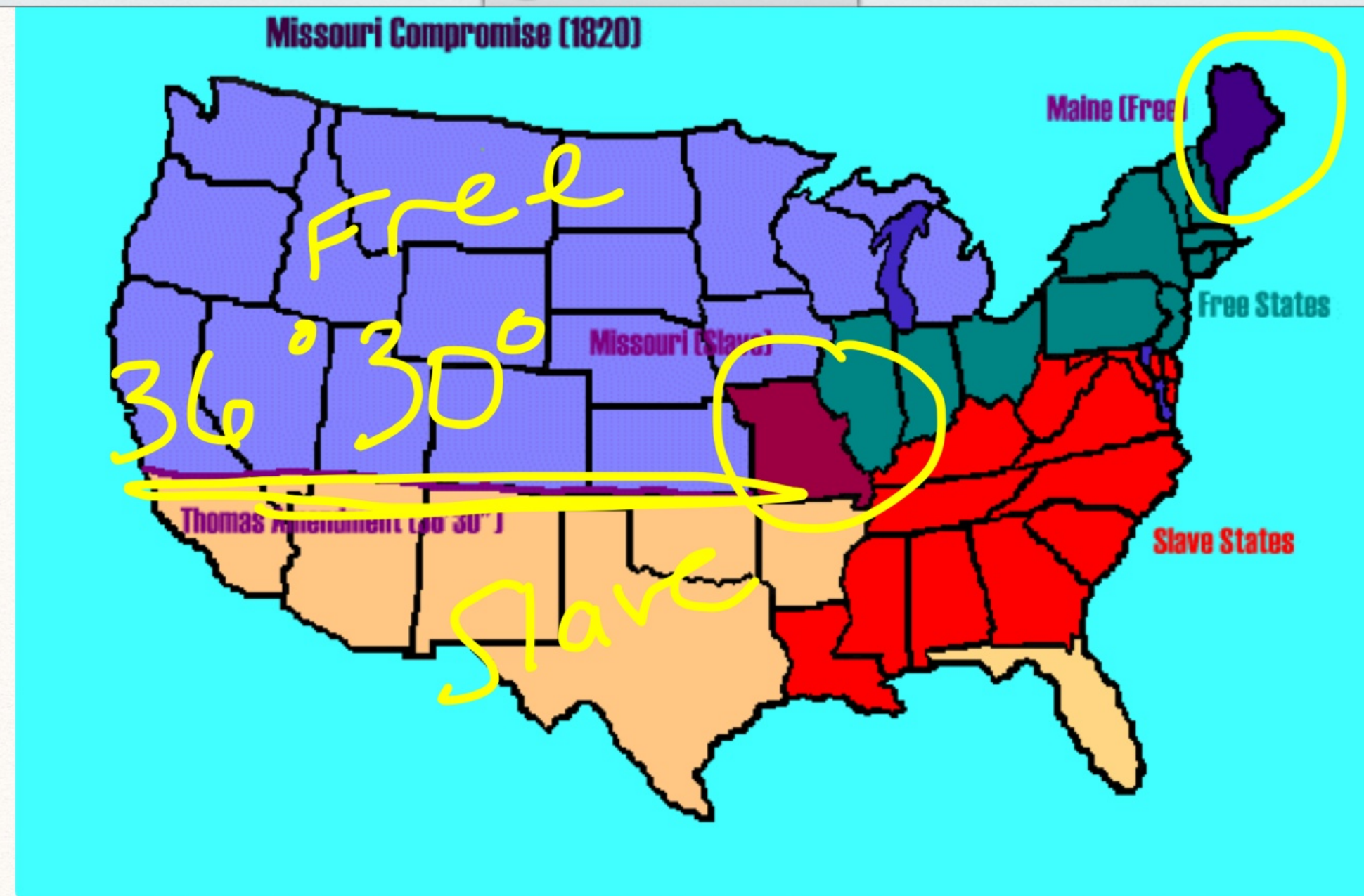
High Tariffs

Increased manufacturing



Clay prevented South Carolina from leaving the Union in 1833

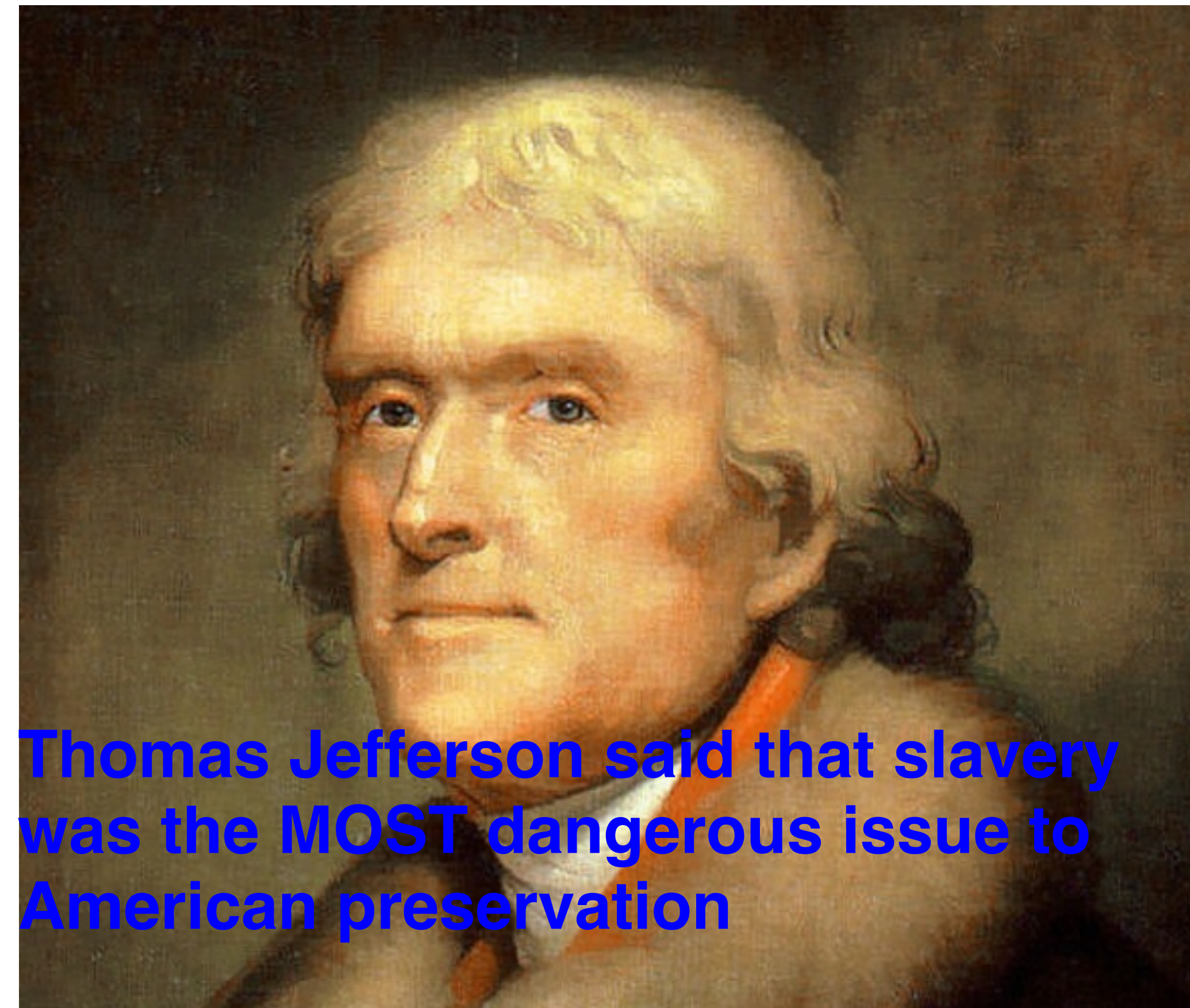




Clay created this Missouri Compromise







**Thomas Jefferson said that slavery was the MOST dangerous issue to American preservation**

**Clay loved civil liberties too much to ignore the need to slowly reduce slavery**





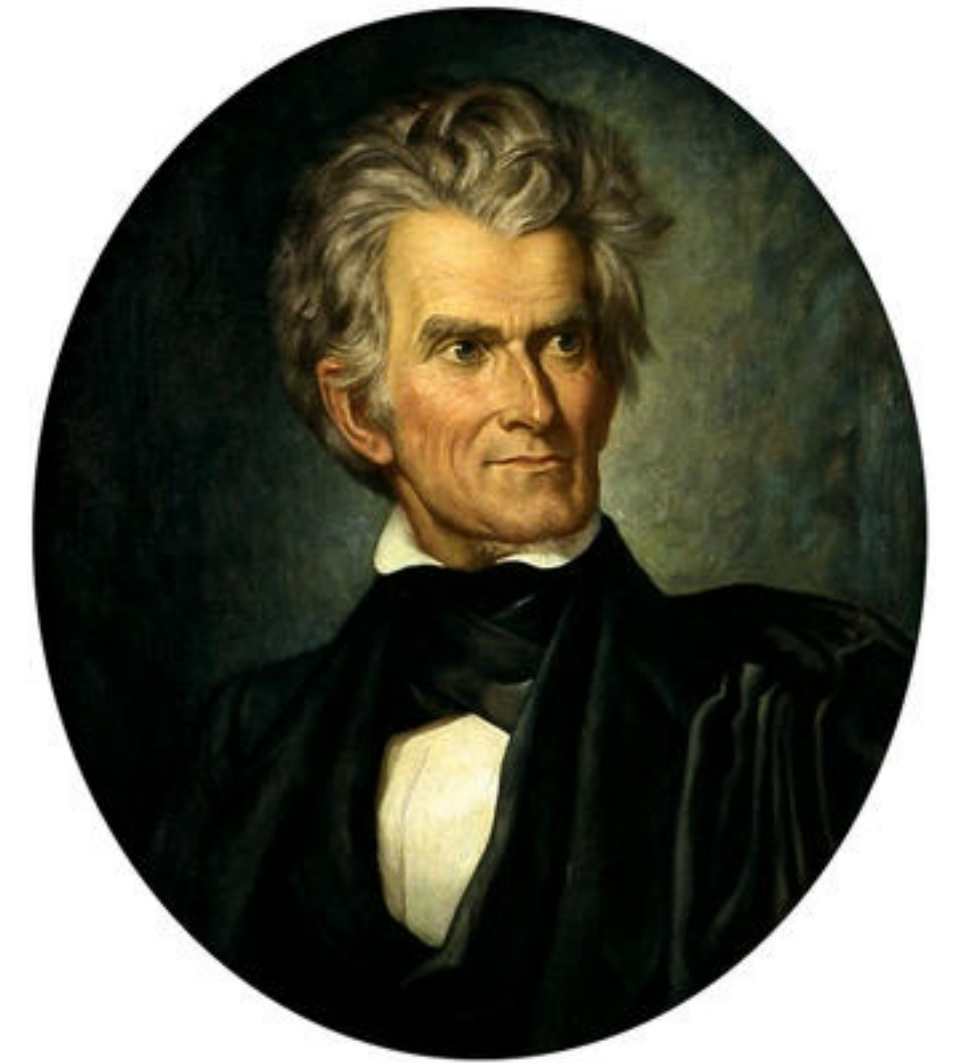
**Clay supported the American Colonization Society**

**- send freed men to Liberia**

**- help create a promised land in Africa**



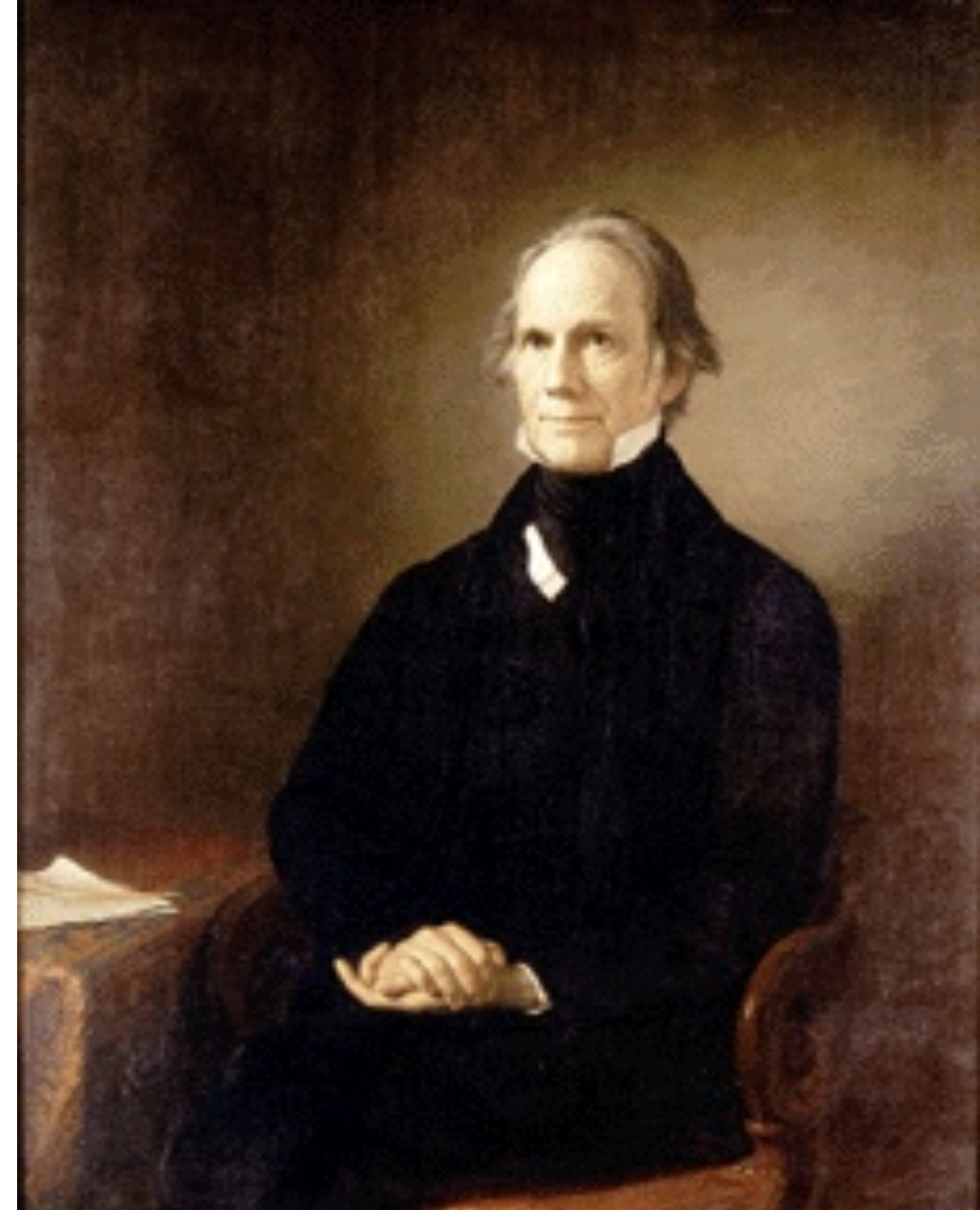
**Clay had to work against his friends who supported the protection of slavery**



*John C. Calhoun's*  
Slavery: A Positive Good



**Lincoln finished his speech  
having proved that America  
prospered because of Henry  
Clay - his vision, his actions,  
and his patriotic love for  
liberty.**





The end.