

Letter from Hon. Wm. A. Graham, To a Conservative Mass Meeting in Raleigh.

HILLSBORO, N. C., Oct. 10th, 1867. Gentlemen:—I shall be unable, by reason of engagements of business, to be present at the meeting of the Conservative people of Wake, at Raleigh, on the 12th inst., and to address them on the topics involved in the approaching election...

I was pleased in observing that such a meeting had been called. In the opinion of some, with whom I have conversed, it was supposed there had been too great a delay among Conservative citizens in communicating together...

The Bill of Rights of the State, from 1776 until now, proclaims that "elections ought to be free." It is a noteworthy fact that, in France, where so far as elections are allowed, universal manhood suffrage prevails...

Never, heretofore, in America, has the elective franchise been extended to new classes of voters, except through the agency of Conventions chosen by those who had enjoyed it before...

The inquiry cannot be excluded from our consideration, if we would, whether, under the Constitution of the United States or any republican organization, a Constitutional Government for the regulation of the internal affairs of a State can be forced upon a people against the wishes of a majority of its qualified voters...

any Asiatic race shall exercise the elective franchise in California; nor does she claim the right to interfere in the domestic regulations of any sister State of the Union.

But throwing out of consideration the question of right of the people of a State, to frame their State constitution according to their own conceptions of the public good, is the measure proposed expedient? Will it promote the general welfare to confer the right to vote in all popular elections on the negro race, with no other qualifications than those in contemplation?

When the people of any one of said rebel States shall have formed a Constitution of government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, in all respects, framed by a Convention of delegates elected by the male citizens of said State...

In elections by the citizens, every white freeman of the age of twenty-one years, having resided in this State one year and in the election district where he offers to vote ten days immediately preceding such election...

That of New York provides that "Every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of this State one year next preceding the election, and of the County, &c., in which he resides, such time as may be provided by law, shall have the qualifications of an elector and be entitled to vote at all elections."

man for generations, if not from before the foundation of the State, (as in Ohio,) than in this State, where they constitute one third of the population, and the general rule is necessarily, from their recent condition of slavery, in the grossest ignorance?

It is derogatory to the Congress of the United States, to presume, that for a negative vote on this question, which would be but a respectful remonstrance, they would think of visiting the electors of a State with punishment...

The Democrats gain three State Senators in Iowa, and 10,000 votes. The Republican majority is 20,000. Chief Justice Chase has delivered a decision releasing a colored apprentice held under the State law of Maryland.

The Bankrupt Law. An intelligent correspondent of the Raleigh Register gives the following information: As very little is known outside of the local profession of the provisions of the Bankrupt act passed by the last Congress, and the benefits conferred thereby, we publish the following summary of the principal sections of the law.

There are two modes of making such an appeal without any disrespect to Congress: 1st, By electing a Convention which shall frame such a Constitution as is deemed fit for the people of North Carolina, and asking approbation thereof. 2nd, By voting against convention.

These are some of the views I should have presented to your meeting, had I been able to attend. I think the subject has been less considered, by the people, than, from its transcendent importance, it deserves.

I disclaim any purpose of disrespect or contumaciousness towards any department or authority of the Government of the United States, and still more so aiming to promote the interests of party. A Whig principle, never having had any other party connexion, now past the meridian of life, will gladly forego all his interest in party...

organization, opposite and hostile, on the imaginary ground of adverse interest, let the former remember that they constitute the majority, and on this question hold their destinies in their own hands. Intending, as I am sure they do, nothing but what is right and just towards their fellow-citizens of all races, they have it in their power to protect themselves against wrong.

Washington Items. A number of prominent Southern Railroad men are here, seeking an extension of time for payments due the Government for rolling stock.

PARDON OF THE HON. B. CRAIGIE.—The numerous friends of the Hon. Burton Craigie will be rejoiced to learn that he has been specially pardoned by the President.—Salisbury Banner.

MILITARY COMMISSION.—The trial before the Military Commission in session in this city, of Robert Kennedy, (white) a citizen of Mecklenburg county, for stealing a small pox hospital and contents from the Freedmen's Bureau at Charlotte, was closed on Saturday.

Gen. Grant, in a conversation regarding the Southern Railroads, expressed himself to the effect that they have been managed with energy, and that the inability to pay their indebtedness to the government arises from causes beyond the control of the managers.

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The application must be made by petition to the District Judge of the District in which the debtor has lived, or carried on business for the preceding six months, or for the longest period during said six months.

The Register, to whom the case is referred, will make the adjudication of Bankruptcy and issue a warrant directed to the marshal of the District, authorizing him to publish a notice in and to newspapers designated in the warrant, and to serve written or printed notice on all creditors named in the schedule...

The following property when not included in the foregoing exceptions, is also exempt in North Carolina: Wearing apparel; working tools; arns for musing; 1 bed and furniture; 1 spinning wheel; cards and 1 loom; Bible and Testament; hymn book; 1 prayer book and all necessary school books...

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE. I am now receiving from the Manufacturers North the most complete assortment ever offered in this market of Boots and Shoes.

NEW FIRM. W. Boyd & M. D. L. Moody have formed a copartnership, and will continue the Grocery, Provision & Commission BUSINESS at the old stand of W. BOYD, in the Springs Building.

FERTILIZERS FOR WHEAT. We have now received our supplies of Guano and Phosphates for Wheat, consisting in part of Pure Peruvian Guano, Soluble Pacific Guano, Baugh's Phosphate of Lime, Zell's Phosphate of Lime...

150 Barrels of Rockport Lime. 500 Sacks Liverpool Salt, 1,000 Gallons Carbonates Molasses, in barrels and hogsheads, 250 Kegs Nails, assorted sizes.

FIRE INSURANCE. HUTCHISON, BURROUGHS & CO., Agents. Policies written on Storehouses, Dwellings and all kinds of Merchandise in Store or "in Transit."

Plaster of Paris, Rosendale Cement, Rockport Lime, Land Plaster and Clover Seed, just received. HUTCHISON, BURROUGHS & CO., October 14, 1867.

North Carolina News.

THE JUDICIARY.—The Military Governments are gradually working out their legitimate results. The semblance of civil Governments are gradually but surely disappearing.

On the night of the 23rd ult., Dr. W. Arch Wright, of Nash County, while on a visit to the family of his relative, W. H. Battle, Esq., near Louisburg, N. C., arose from his bed, and in a state of unconsciousness, leaped or rather fell from a window in the second story of the building...

Col. Lee M. McAfee and Capt. Plato Durham have been nominated for the Constitutional Convention from Cleveland county.

Rev. Wm. M. Young, Pastor of the Baptist Church in this city, on Sunday night last, tendered his resignation as such.

The Raleigh Register learns that the order for the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention will be issued in a few days.

Another Order in Regard to Taxes. HEADQUARTERS 2D MILITARY DISTRICT, CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 9, 1867.

The following instructions are published for the information and guidance of the Commanding Officers of Posts in carrying out the requirements of General Orders, No. 92, current series, from these Headquarters: In any case embraced within the first subdivision of paragraph I of said order, the rate of taxation fixed by law, and prevailing at the time the transaction was made and completed, or the property, or right, was parted with...

GREAT ATTRACTION, Under the Sign of the Elephant. PRESSON & GRAY. Would respectfully invite their friends and acquaintances and the rest of mankind to call and examine their Stock of Goods before purchasing elsewhere.

NEW Foundry and MACHINE SHOP. TATEM, ROOKE & CULPEPPER. Have opened a Foundry, Machine and Blacksmith Shop, at the old stand of J. M. Howie, where they will execute, in the very best style and finish, all work in their line.

SADDLES AND HARNESS. Robert Shaw & Son, Third Door from the Mansion House. RESPECTFULLY inform the public that they have a large stock of Saddles and Harness on hand...

Cooper Shop. I have removed my Cooper Shop to the one formerly occupied by Mr. Creswell on a wagon shop, near Mr. Jamison's Blacksmith shop, on the street leading by the Court House, where I would be pleased to see all those who desire work done in my line.

Foreign News.

Dates from Europe of the 16th inst., give the following items of news: Garibaldi has issued another address, urging the Italian nation to arms.

Florence dispatches state that the Papal troops are falling back on Rome. A dispatch from Paris says that Spain has offered to assist Napoleon in maintaining the temporal power of the Pope.

McLEOD & STEELE. Have now in Store a handsome stock of Dry Goods, Hardware, Cutlery, &c.

Fall and Winter Stock—1867. FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE. WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS.

Ladies Dress Goods, and feel confident that they can give satisfaction in price and quality. Their stock of Ready-made Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods is complete and embraces everything in that line.

Boots and Shoes. In large quantities and at the lowest cash prices. Their stock of Groceries and Hardware is sufficient to supply the demands of their customers and friends.

Milinery and Dress-Making. A separate department is devoted to Milinery and Dress-making, where the Ladies can have work done promptly and in the latest styles. WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS, between the two Drug Stores, Oct. 14, 1867.

American Button-Hole and Overseaming SEWING MACHINE. This Machine is certainly the greatest wonder of the age, having taken the gold medal prize over all competitors in the World's Exposition at Paris.

GROCERIES, Embracing everything in that line. Also a well selected Stock of BOOTS AND SHOES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY, &c., Also a small and well assorted Stock of Dry Goods, And Notions, All of which we will sell as Cheap, if not Cheaper, than the Cheapest—our motto being Quick Sales and Small Profits. PRESSON & GRAY, Charlotte, Oct. 14, 1867.

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REPAIRING neatly executed at short notice and on reasonable terms. R. SHAW, W. E. SHAW, Oct. 14, 1867.