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The Papers on Thomas.

As everybody now knows, Tom Devereux, at the bidding of Dockery, has taken it upon himself to abuse Judge Fowle and other reputable citizens of the State in the most outrageous terms. His charges have been shown to be false in every particular but he has gone on everywhere with his infamous slanders notwithstanding. He has asserted over and over again that Judge Fowle acted improperly and unprofessionally in connection with the special tax bond issue. Has he not known that he was stating what was false? We have his own words to prove that he has.

In April, 1880, he wrote a letter to the Hon. John Gray Kynum, of Morganton, of which the following is a copy:

"RALEIGH, N. C. April 18, '80
DEAR GRAY—The last issue of the Blade contained a communication from 'Thomas,' which Judge Fowle's friends here thought should be answered at once. Speaking for them I enclose a reply which we think should as a matter of policy emanate from the Piedmont region. Please give this matter your best attention. Who is Thomas? If he continues to fling his slime, we will open on him in a way not pleasant to Jarvis. Things look well here and herabouts.
Write to us.

Yours truly,

T. P. DEVEREUX

Now what was the reply written by Devereux and "emanating from the Piedmont region as a matter of policy?" It was the following:

"JUDGE FOWLE.

MR. EDITOR—A writer in your paper calling himself Thomas seems to be very much exercised that Judge Fowle should be so far ahead in the gubernatorial race and therefore attacks him in a way indicative neither of a good heart nor a sound understanding. When we saw the signature our mind instantly turned to the joke which Gov. Vance used with such force, about a great

deal of walking being 'ahead of you, Thomas.' Thomas asks: 'What about the hundred thousand of special tax bonds which Judge Fowle received from the ring?'

Now, Thomas, you ought to be sufficiently well informed to know that Judge Fowle never received one hundred thousand dollars in bonds or otherwise from the ring. The truth is, after the passage of chapter 7, Laws 1868-69, known as the omnibus bill, attempting to validate the special tax bonds and for which Gov. Jarvis voted in the legislature, Judge Fowle, with other attorneys, was employed to test the constitutionality of the act. He received, as a contingent fee, 12 1/2% of the special tax bonds his partner, R. C. Badger, Esq., receiving a like number. There were 14 million in bonds involved in the suit. As Thomas is seeking information, we will tell him that in addition to the bonds spoken of above, Judge Fowle received as a retainer \$500, and \$2,500 in cash as his contingent fee, and his partner received the same.

Would any lawyer of decent standing demand a less fee in a case involving so large an amount? In regard to the 'Wilmington affair,' we notice that in another column of the same issue of your paper, you say that New Hanover has gone adverse to Governor Jarvis, and you might have said for Fowle. What is this 'Wilmington affair?' We would like to know. It seems to help the Judge amazingly. He must have had a similar affair in Granville.

In regard to the Swepson matter, things have come to a pretty pass when an attempt is made to denounce an attorney for appearing for a man charged with crime. Judge Fowle was employed in this cause after the death of Gov. Bragg, who had been Swepson's counsel up to that time. He, Judge Fowle, has now as his associates in this case Judge Thomas Ruffin, Hon. A. S. Merrimon, Hon. Jos. J. Davis, C. M. Cooke and others. Does this allay your itch for knowledge, Tommy? If it doesn't, let us know and we will attempt to aid you further in your commendable undertaking. So far, Judge Fowle and his friends have studiously avoided descending to personalities in this contest. They consider it wanting in that true delicacy which should always mark the high toned gentleman. But there is a point beyond which forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and for the benefit of all inquiring Thomases or Tommies, we close this letter with a quotation, 'Point de zele.'

Ah, Thomas Devereux, you have shown that you are "neither of a good heart nor a sound understanding" to attack Judge Fowle. Ain't you ashamed of yourself, now if never before!

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"Haven't things come to a pretty pass when an attempt is made to denounce an attorney for appearing for a man charged with crime?" Haven't things come to a pretty pass for you, Tommy?

"Judge Fowle and his friends have studiously avoided descending to personalities in this contest. They consider it wanting in that true delicacy which should always mark the high toned gentlemen." But how has it been with you, Tommy? How has it been with you in your contemptible course with Dockery through the mountains?

We ask again, ain't you ashamed of yourself, now if never before?—News-Observer.

Horton N. C.
Oct. 16th, '88

To the DEMOCRAT:

Sometime ago I heard a very prominent republican charged with saying that he "hated the South" and in reply he said that whoever said that he said any such a thing told a false hood. Now Mr. Editor if he did not say it in so many words does he not say so by actions, which it is said speak louder than words, when he uses his time and influence to advance the cause of the republican party, a party whose policy from its earliest existence, it seems to me, has been in direct antagonism to the interests of the Southern people.

Now if any one doubts that this is so let him search the record of the acts of that party, and note the expressions of hate, and enmity made so freely by its greatest leaders such as Blaine, Ingolls and Sherman. He will see that they signaled their advent into power by pursuing a policy, which provoked the Southern people into taking steps that brought on four years of bloody war, following which they gave the negro his freedom and right to vote, and deprived thousands of the best citizens of the South of the same privilege, thus seeking to establish themselves permanently in power. But they see too late that they have only given us more power, to use against them in our own defence at the ballot box.

They not only always oppose, or utterly ignore Southern interests, but they have in many ways endeavored to humiliate, and degrade the Southern people, as for example: the passage of the infamous Civil Rights bill; passed by a republican president, and the great Northern leaders of the republican party never hesitate to express their hatred and contempt for the South, and endeavor to excite the North against us, instead of cultivating peace and good will between the sections.

Now how can a man say that he loves his country, and advocate the cause of a set of men who would disgrace her if they had the power, and how, in the face of the record and acts of the Rep. party, can the *Enterprise* fill it self up with the very ideas advanced by these men who hate us; and even with their characteristic abuse and denunciation of the South and then have the audacity, to set up as our adviser, and ask us to support the republican party, as if its worthy Editor conscientiously believed it to our best interests to do so. He undoubtedly relies on the ignorance, and prejudice of people to enable him to induce them to follow his direction in that respect. He may succeed in persuading some to follow him, but stubborn facts remain for those who will be guided by reason, and true patriotism, to vote for the interests of their country. Now Mr. Editor I am a subscriber to, and a reader of the *Enterprise*, and would respectfully ask to be informed by it what there is in the act, or the principles of the party it so ardently advocates, to merit the support of a Southern white man. I am tired of hearing republican papers and speakers abuse the democrats for not repealing the internal revenue system, when they know that they themselves created it, and are opposed to its repeal now, and make labored efforts to prove that the democratic party favors free trade, showing the awful consequences thereof, when they know it is a false charge made for selfish political purposes, and calling the democratic party the negro party when they know that if all the negroes were taken from their party, there would scarcely be a corporal's guard left, and that every candidate on their state ticket was nominated by a convention with a large majority of negroes; and yet they ask the white men of Watauga to support a ticket thus put out. Every white man in North Carolina should join in demanding some few straight out candid reasons, why any one should support the state or national republican tickets rather than that of the democratic party which has always been our best friend, or that they quit trying to advise intelligent patriotic citizens how to vote.

A. Voter.

Pushing the North Carolina Campaign.

Our latest New York advices represent Mr. Levi P. Morton, Republican candidate for Vice President of the U. S. as taking a very lively interest in our N. C. Campaign.

Mr. Morton is closely identified with our people. He is very much interested in us. No one could be more so. We only wonder that he is not personally among us during the campaign. Our people may prove very valuable acquaintances, as he sees fit to

further cultivate us. He is undoubtedly causing some money to be spent among us. He feels that we are mortgaged to him; that he holds a chattel mortgage on the head of every man, woman and child in North Carolina.

Of the fifteen million special tax bonds issued, Levi P. Morton holds nine million dollars worth. This is a good sum of money, even for so rich a man as Mr. Morton who could give it away and not miss it. It is quite a large amount to the poor people of N. C. If we are compelled to pay it, as Mr. Morton hopes to make us pay, we shall unquestionably feel it. Now this is no trifling matter. It will be a very serious business to the people of this State if he shall succeed in his plans and undertakings.

Morton, Bliss & Co. are now in the Federal Courts trying to establish the validity of the Special Tax bonds. Should they fail in this, it would be very important to have a State government, legislative, executive and judicial, in political sympathy with Mr. Morton, especially should they feel that they owed their election to him, through the power of his money and his influence with the Republican Committee.

We now see whence comes the money the republicans are scattering broadcast over the State. We understand the new impulse of their campaign. We see why the joint canvass was suspended. We perceive the danger before us. The signals are out. The alarm is sounded. The people of North Carolina are forewarned.—*Messenger*.

Judge Fowle in the East.

Judge Fowle's canvass in the east has been exceptionally brilliant. Everywhere the silver-tongued orator of this State is met by large and enthusiastic crowds, and he sways the multitudes with his eloquence as never before. He finds the people thinking as never before and he gives them food for thought indeed in the iniquities of the Radical party and the reforms which the Democrats have introduced and still propose to introduce. He is thrice-armed, having his quarrel just, and vanquishes every opponent. He is arousing the people in every county, every township, and is making votes for good government. He is ably seconded by Hon. Theo. F. Davidson, the favorite son of the West, who is canvassing with him and who is one of the most logical and impressive speakers in the ranks of the Democratic party. He speaks with power indeed of the purpose of the West to stand by the East and in behalf of the supremacy of the white man and the maintenance of efficient and creditable government. All accounts agree that Fowle and Davidson are doing a work that will tell most decidedly at the polls.—*News-Observer*.

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H. C. MARTIN.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale granted in a certain mortgage executed to me by Eli S. Greene and wife, Emma C. Greene and recorded in book A. on pages 474, 475 and 476 of the records of Watauga Co., to secure a note executed to me by said Eli S. Greene and of \$325.80 annual interest, I will proceed to sell certain tract of land lying on the waters of New River adjoining the lands of A. J. Criter, being the tract on which the said Greene now lives, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at the court house door in Boone on the 5th day of Nov. 1888, it being Monday, to satisfy the above debt interest cost of proceeding.
J. W. Farthing, Mortgagee.
Sept 5th 1888.

NOTICE!!

By virtue of a Mortgage executed to the undersigned by W. M. Younce and wife Sarah Younce said Mortgage being recorded in book (B.) of Mortgages in the registers office of Watauga County N. C. Pages 179, 180 and 181. They will sell for cash in hand at the Court House door in Boone Nov. 5, 88, it being the first Monday in said month, the following described tracts of land viz: 1 Tract of 35 acres lying in Watauga County on the waters of Cove Creek adjoining the lands of Richard Reece and John McGuire's heirs.
2, Tract containing 30 acres bought of Jehiel S. Eggers all on the waters of Cove Creek in Watauga County to satisfy the sum of \$291.14 with interest and costs.
L. M. Banner.
J. P. Taylor.
Per. E. F. Lovill atty. for Mortgagees. 4 t.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage deed executed to myself and wife by J. P. Fry and wife Mahala, dated Feb. 23rd 1888 and recorded on pages 359 and 366, book (B) of the records of Watauga county, to secure a note executed to me, February 23rd 1888 by the said J. P. Fry for the sum of \$175.00 one hundred and seventy five dollars with interest at 8 per cent. I will sell for cash in hand to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Boone, on Monday the 5th day of Nov. next, it being the first Monday, the tract of land described in said Mortgage, containing 123 acres more or less and lying on or near the road leading from Blowing Rock to Boone, some two miles from Blowing Rock, being the land on which said J. P. Fry now resides, to satisfy above note with interest and costs.
Wm. Elrod, Mortgagee.
Per J. F. Spainhour, Atty.
Sep. 27, 1888. Intc.