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The Prayer of South Carolina.

We publish below the memorial to Congress of the South Carolina Taxpayers' Convention.

Its effect at the North is most important to us. How will it be received? What will Congress do? What results will flow from the disclosures and the appeal? These are the vital questions to the taxpayers of South Carolina.

So far the effect at the North has been good. It has called forth outspoken sympathy from the New York Times, the chief organ of the National Administration. The Times says editorially:

"A memorial has been addressed by citizens of South Carolina to Congress praying relief from some burdens under which they are suffering. The address is a document which demands attention. Congress cannot ignore it. The revelations made are most extraordinary, and certainly they will not be read, with pleasure by any section or political party. We hope it will be found that something can be done for South Carolina before Congress separates."

The New York Herald, the weathercock of the North, has these significant words on the subject:

"In another column will be found a document that will call up a blush of shame to the face of every decent citizen of these United States. It is the appeal of a large section of the citizens of the State of South Carolina to the Congress of the United States for protection from the men who have seized on the government of the State and who by the aid of the ignorant freedmen rob the property owners under cover of law. The prayer for protection is a temperate document, and the statement of the condition of the State under carpet bag rule is as free from passion as such a document could be. In proof of the robbery and misgovernment existing the startling statement is made, supported by figures, that the cost of printing for a period of sixty years, from 1800 to 1859, was \$271,180, under the old State government; while the outlay last year, under carpet bag rule, amounted to \$331,945—a pretty considerable steal for one year. Yet the Republican party prates of honesty."

The memorial is a terse, well-written document, of a length that will insure it a wide circulation. It makes disclosures that must startle the people of the North, accustomed as they are to the robberies of their own rings—the corruptions of New York, of Philadelphia and Washington.

The following is the memorial verbatim et literatim:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States:

The memorial of the taxpayers and other citizens of South Carolina respectfully sheweth that upon the reconstruction of the State government, and the admission of Senators and Representatives into the Congress of the United States it was doubtless intended by Congress, as it was expected by them, that they would become partakers of the rights enjoyed by citizens of the United States and other State governments. The history of the country teaches that taxation without representation is tyranny. Our revolutionary fathers had combined to resist such tyranny, and we feel assured that it was never the intention of the sons of these men to allow this very system to be fastened upon any of their fellow citizens. It has, nevertheless, come to pass that the government established in South Carolina under the legislation of Congress has been made the instrument of effecting this monstrous oppression. That department of the State government which exercises the taxing power is administered by those who own a mere fraction of the property of the State. Seven years have elapsed since the reconstruction of the State government, and during that period, of the property taxed a majority of the members of the Legislature owned no portion whatever, and the remaining members owned so little that their pay as members constituted their entire interest as property holders. The result is that those owning the property having no voice in the government and those imposing the taxes no share in the burden thereof, the taxes having advanced yearly, until in many cases, they consume more than one-half of the income from the property taxed. The annual expenses of the government have advanced from \$400,000 before

the war to \$2,000,000 at the present time, and the following comparison of leading items of expenditures will best exhibit the change:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1865-6, 1873) and Amount. Rows include Salaries, Public Printing, Legislative expenses, Publicity funds, Contingent funds, Sundries, and Deficiencies.

The facts exhibit the unprecedented spectacle of a State in which the government is arrayed against the property of its citizens. It has been openly avowed by prominent members of the Legislature that the taxes should be increased to a point which will compel the sale of the great body of the land and take it away from the former owners. The fruit of this policy is shown in the fact, stated by the Comptroller General in his official report, that for default in the payment of taxes for the year 1872 alone 268,523 acres of land were forfeited to the State; and this result proves the fallacy of the belief that the policy pursued promotes the elevation of the black population and the acquisition by them of the lands thus virtually confiscated. The reverse is the necessary result. Lands are unavailable as security; mortgages, in default of payment, cannot sell; wages have declined, the cost of living is made greater by the addition of the taxes to the prices of commodities, the poor are made poorer and reduced every day—more incapable of purchasing lands and more hopeless of rising above the condition of mere laborers. It would have ameliorated the condition of your petitioners if the effect of this policy had been to create an active demand for lands on the part of the large class of our population; but, while the owners are by oppressive taxation driven to sell, others, for the same reason, are disqualified from buying. The abuses in the Legislative Department that have been described are not confined to the mere raising and expenditure of revenues, but they pervade the entire conduct of that department. Schemes have been devised for issuing State bonds and for contracting other loans, by which the public debt has in six years been raised from \$5,000,000 to \$16,000,000, and that without advancing any public works, adding \$1 to the public property or to the payment of the public debt. Large as the sum of the public debt is admitted to be there is reason to believe it does not reach the true amount it is found impossible to ascertain the actual sum of the obligations that have been issued. Schemes of public plunder have been openly advanced by corrupt measures of which one single example will suffice. Two clerks of the Legislature, in their official capacity, made contracts with themselves as private persons for the public printing. The appropriations made in one year for the work done or to be done by these two officials amounted to \$465,000, exclusive of \$100,000 for publishing the laws; and in the fiscal year 1873 there was actually paid to them for printing \$331,000, leaving a large sum then due to them by the State, and this, notwithstanding the avowal of the two officials themselves that the work done was worth no more than \$100,000, and the testimony of others that its value was only \$50,000. The stupendous fraud involved in this and similar modes of making the legitimate objects of public expenditures the medium for plundering the Treasury cannot be better illustrated than by the following facts. The total appropriations for public printing made by the Legislature of South Carolina during a period of sixty years, from 1800 to 1859, was \$271,180. During the last year the amount actually expended for public printing by the present Legislature was \$331,945—that is \$50,765 more than it cost the State for sixty years before the war. Committees have derived large sums as compensation for reporting favorably on private bills, and strong reasons exist for believing that a large amount of State bank bills funded by the State to discharge her liabilities have been reissued by those entrusted by the Legislature with the duty of their cancellation.

In the Judiciary Department evils equally grievous have been produced under the present State government. The judges sell their offices for short times; their continuance in office depends upon the caprices of the legislators. The result is that the duties of their high offices are discharged under influence and responsibility necessarily adverse to this independent and pure administration of public justice. The jurors, moreover, are selected by three offi-

cial, of whom two are the appointees of the Governor. The consequence is that the defeat of an obnoxious litigant may be made certain by the selection of the jury, or, if no special object be contemplated by these officials, the choice is frequently made simply for the small pay of men who are unable to either read or write. In either case the ends of justice are defeated.

In the Executive Department all these evils culminate. It is only asserted and believed that offices are the subjects of barter, and the manner in which such offices are administered proves that qualification has little influence in the appointment in matters under the control of a single individual. It is difficult to prove corruption, but there is one state of facts that always should stand for proof. A large expenditure of money by an official who is without any estate and receives but a small salary establishes beyond a doubt that the money must come from some irregular or illegal source. On this principle the tax governors elected under the present constitution stand condemned in public opinion. To detect and punish these crimes is impossible. The Governor controls the avenue of justice. Indeed, the entire system is one of self-sustaining and self-protecting corruptions. In most of the States there might be some chance of redress through the ballot box. But here, again, the State government interposes an insuperable barrier. The elections are conducted by persons appointed in the interest of the officials, and the returns are under the absolute control of the parties in power. Under such circumstances voting is a form and elections a mockery.

Suffering under such grievances, and despairing of relief from the State government, your memorialists come respectfully to your honorable bodies for redress. The government which thus oppresses us was virtually established by Congress, and while we believe they did not foresee the evils to which it has given rise, we cannot doubt that they will assist in removing them so soon as they are satisfied of their existence. All that we have asserted is capable of proof; but, knowing as we do, that the evil of which we complain are certain in their existence and are more likely to increase than diminish, your memorialists most earnestly ask your aid in providing the proper redress and relief.

The rumor that Hon. Z. B. Vance and Col. Wm. Johnston, of this city, are contemplating the establishment of a newspaper in Raleigh, we are authorized to pronounce false. They have no such intentions. The report that the Observer is to be removed to the City of Oaks is also without foundation in truth.

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