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**THE UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSOR PHILLIPS.**

Recently we took occasion to speak our mind in reference to the action of the Trustees of the University in electing Professor Phillips to a chair which, as we inferred from their subsequent action in sending or allowing him to go abroad after knowledge to fit him for the position he was incompetent to fill; and we did so for a twofold reason, to wit: First, because we had been importuned to question publicly the propriety of electing men to offices in the institution a year before the office had been created and furnished with the necessary paraphernalia; and secondly, to elicit from the trustees, for the public gratification and the future welfare of the institution, just information conveyed in the letter given by Professor Venable (which appears in the News and Observer a few days ago), in response to our strictures and the criticisms of other editors of the North Carolina press, which up to this time has been suppressed. Being the State University the people had a right to demand, or at least desire, that the recent conduct of the Trustees in establishing the precedent referred to be ventilated and explained. There is no denying the fact that their action has caused much dissatisfaction throughout the State, and if the editors and newspaper correspondents of the State had not criticised the action of the trustees, or in some way have stirred them up to an explanation, detriment to the interests of the University would have been realized. We are not an enemy to the University—on the contrary, we are one of its best friends, and approve and endorse its faculty and its plans for future operations; but such changes as have recently been made and such new departures from established customs as that concerned in Professor Phillips' appointment, need to be explained whenever they occur; and whenever we observe that a course on the part of the trustees, whether through inadvertence or otherwise, has the effect to harm the institution, we shall not fail to speak, not for the gratification of public clamor and the welfare of the University, but for we are personally concerned, we are satisfied with Prof. Venable's explanation; and have no doubt the trustees were actuated by none other than a desire to promote the success of the institution when they elected Dr. Phillips and sent him abroad to become competent for the place; and it may be their judgment in so doing is worthy of universal commendation.

**GEN. COX AND THE CHAPEL HILL POST OFFICE.**

Again there has been a storm of indignation started in Chapel Hill by the intimation from His Majesty Gen. Cox, that Mr. Kirkland would be retained as post master at that place. Now Mr. Cox well knows his pet at Chapel Hill has been a republican of the deepest die. A man unfit for the position, and moreover very dissatisfied to the people in the vicinity. He has given his time and money for the support of the Republican party. Yet because three members of the faculty say retain Mr. Kirkland while all the rest of the democrats oppose it bitterly Mr. Cox sanctions it. This is the action of a pretended representation of the Democratic party. This is the action of a man who is now electioneering for the nomination to Congress next time. He had it in his power to have Mr. Kirkland removed, but he preferred to let him remain instead of appointing some good honest democrat to office, one who has worked hard for the party and General Cox. There is a similar case of this kind at Pittboro, and other places in Cox's district. There is strong talk of getting up an indignation meeting at Chapel Hill to denounce Gen. Cox for his action. We trust it will be done. It will be late in the day when the people of this District tender Gen. Cox their support to misrepresent them in Congress.

We have advocated to man through the columns of the Recorder for any post office and have written this much to show how we (the democrats) are being treated by our representative in Congress. Arise in your might at the next convention and silence his political career. We do not want any more such men who care nothing for the wishes of his constituents. He offers very thin excuses, and cites the rules of civil service reform, but that had nothing to do with Kirkland, Johnson, and others, from having every postmaster removed in their district. It is all both, Gen. Cox.

**Another Influx of Scotch Crofters Probable.**

Margaret MacLeod, of Dundee, Scotland, who arrived here on the steamship "Loyal" yesterday, left for the West today. Mrs. MacLeod intends to relay the claims of the Scotch crofters before her countrymen who have found a home on this side of the Atlantic, and to make arrangements, if possible, for the transportation of several hundred families from the highlands and lowlands. She will probably remain in this country for several months, but her movements will be kept as quiet as possible, in order that the land agitators may not circulate false reports among the crofters. An appeal for funds will be made to leading philanthropists of the West and South; and the result of the visit will probably be a great influx of crofters, who will settle in North Carolina and other States. As soon as Miss MacLeod has accomplished her purpose she will return to Scotland and organize an expedition which she believes will be very large.—Philadelphia Dispatch.

We certainly do not wish any calamity to befall Miss MacLeod, but we think if she really intends to afflict North Carolina with any more of her Scotcher than the another Guileless is greatly needed to defend us against the plague. If she had a knowledge of the sentiments which rankle in the bosoms of the poor, desolated, half starved creatures who are now begging the charity of this country for the sustenance of life, and could know the desires of such as are now seeking a penny from every man who passes by, she would learn that she could serve her countrymen no more nobly than to provide a way whereby they might be returned to their homes. Occasionally, mayhap, a Scotch crofter, possessing greater intelligence than his fellows, may be found who will speak in praise of this land; but the majority of them have encountered nothing but discouragement, but, on the other hand, every privation to which extreme poverty could subject them. They cannot enjoy any of the social pleasures of society in this land, and when they become separated one from another, their solitude is unbearable, not being familiar with our language nor our habits. They are about in small, dirty, dilapidated cabins, and being able to pay rent for comfortable quarters. It is true they can labor, but they are not trained laborers, and their work is unsatisfactory and unprofitable.

Recently we had conversation with a crofter, who with his family consisting of a wife and five children, was brought over by the agent of the Sea Board and Roscoe R. H. Co., and assigned to a home in Moore county. He worked a month, and all that he received to sustain himself and family, besides what he bought with his own money, was a peck of meal, six pounds of bacon, and a little sugar and coffee per week. This was one man's allowance, and his children being small and unable to work, nothing was allowed by the man to whom they had been assigned for their support. The crofter asked his employer how much wages per month he would allow him, and the reply was "wait until the end of the year and I will tell you." Not being able to get satisfaction from his employer as to the amount of wages to be allowed him, the crofter took his family and left. He afterwards bought a tract of land, giving \$200 for it, and settled his family on it. But he had not commenced operations thereon before he was summarily ejected by the true owner of the land, who informed him that the title given him by the man to whom he had paid \$200 was a bogus deed, that the man who gave it had no right to title in the land. The man had departed for parts unknown, and this poor crofter was left penniless, out of employment and with a large family about him hungering for bread. By some means he came to Durham, and for sixteen months has worked and suffered in our midst. Recently his wife waited upon the citizens of this town asking assistance to enable them to return to Scotland. It was given, and about two weeks ago they boarded the cars here and left for the mother country. This fate, or a similar one, has been visited upon nearly every family of crofters located in this country, and the fact stands as a Christian's people, and is a sad reflection upon the judgment of those who have been instrumental in tempting them to leave their homes and friends to come to this land of promise; and to those who have induced them by false promises and misrepresentation, the devil will lay claim.

**RETAINED REPUBLICAN "P. M."**

A CORRESPONDENT THINKS THAT THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO STEP DOWN.  
[Special Cor. of State Chronicle.]  
CHAPEL HILL, Sept. 7.—It is a matter of surprise, and is the topic of conversation wherever you meet "peace" of Democrats or Republicans, of the District, why Mr. Cox has become so utterly ket and indifferent to the discharge of the duties that he has control of, and comes under his jurisdiction, as a Representative of the 4th District? The man who placed him in Congress and have kept him there for years and have sacrificed time and money to do so; who labored hard and worked faithfully for his retention and repeated nominations; who have regarded him as capable and competent to represent them; now wonder what the matter can be with him; and the more they hear and the more they learn the more their wonder grows.  
Can there be any object in view;

loitering in the bosom, or brain of the General that can possibly be the cause of his not removing from office, these Radical office-holders? Can there be any "Big and Eddy" business going on? How fitting and noble are the promises and trusts of you to another.  
The impression is abroad over the entire District, that something is in the wind, and that the retention of half Rads and half Democrats in office will secure favor and strength from other parties. We all know of the honorable, trusty and responsible position that Mr. Cox has been favored with. We know of his popular and agreeable manners. His experience and acceptableness as a Congressman. His influence over and his acquaintance with the good people of his District and the State. His social qualities and popularity, and many other qualifications, all tend to endear him and point him out as the choice of the people, for Congress. But, Mr. Editor, things are changing. Not removing the Radical office-holders in this District, is simply and certainly going to result in the General's defeat. We do not want any further or more satisfactory charges for removing a Radical than the fact that he has aided, abetted and served the party, used and exerted all the influence possible in behalf of the Republican party, to the overthrow, downfall, and utter annihilation of the Democracy and if could be, the enslaving of the white people, by social equality and negro supremacy; and, in the face of all this they are retained in office, because no charges are preferred. Is it necessary that the people should assemble and swear, that such and such a man, is guilty of arseney, burglary, murder and do fault? No. The evidence above stated is sufficient.

I have traveled over a good portion of this District, and have been in conversation with the leading Democrats and Radicals, and what do I hear. The Radicals wonder what motive Mr. Cox can have for retaining the Republicans. They can't understand him. They expect every day to get marching orders, but six months have elapsed and still they are in active service. They say that they did not vote for him, and never did, but have done everything possible to "ditch" him, as might have been expected, and they did not succeed, Cox is forwarding them.

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