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J. M. Mewborne Answers Chairman Simmons in an Open Letter

WRITTEN BY GOV. RUSSELL.

The Russell-Mewborne Combine Letter a Coarse Slandering Affair. Chairman Simmons Strikes Back With Caustic and Withering Effect Also in an Open Letter and answers the Hypocrisy of the State Administration.

During last month on different occasions Hon. F. M. Simmons, the chairman of the Democratic State executive committee, addressed respectful and altogether proper letters which appear below and are self-explanatory. To J. M. Mewborne, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, asking for information that according to law should have appeared months ago. Instead of making a courteous reply to the courteous requests of Mr. Simmons, Mewborne sends a letter conceived by Gov. Russell and signed by himself in which he not only refuses to give the information but indulges in a coarse, personal attack on Mr. Simmons, who makes a vigorous reply in which he lays bare the hypocrisy of Gov. Russell and the State administration.

Below appears the entire correspondence:

(“A”)
Raleigh, July 14, 1898.
Hon. J. M. Mewborne, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to request that you cause to be furnished me at the earliest practicable day the following information concerning the affairs of the penitentiary:

1st. A list of all the officers and employes of the penitentiary, giving the name of each, the date of his election or appointment, the designation and place of his appointment, the date of the creation of such office or place, the character and nature of his services, and his monthly compensation.

2nd. An itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of the year beginning June 30th, 1897, and ending June 30th, 1898, showing the sources of the receipts and the purposes of the disbursements.

Thanking you in advance for a prompt reply giving the desired information, I am very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

(“B”)
Raleigh, July 16, 1898.
Hon. J. M. Mewborne, Superintendent Penitentiary.

Dear Sir:—In addition to the information requested a few days ago I beg that you will cause to be furnished me at the earliest practicable day this additional information:

A statement showing the number of farms, plantations, lots or plots, of land now under lease or contract of any kind to or with the penitentiary, no matter whether such contract or lease is in the name of the State or of the board of directors of the penitentiary. I wish such statement to give approximately the number of acres of each farm, plantation, lot or plot of land, where located, the use to which it is being put, the date of such lease or contract, and the amount paid for each in fee or by the year, as the case may be, under such lease or contract.

I have the honor to be,
Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

(“C”)
Raleigh, July 20, 1898.
Hon. J. M. Mewborne, Superintendent Penitentiary.

Dear Sir:—It has been charged that a part of the cotton crop of 1897 belonging to the penitentiary was sold for prices below the market value and not wishing to do any one injustice I beg that you will furnish me with the following information:

A statement showing to whom, in what quantities, at what time, and at what price, the cotton, corn and wheat crops of 1897 were sold.

(“D”)
Raleigh, July 21, 1898.
Hon. Claudius Dockery, Chairman Board of Directors of the Penitentiary.

Dear Sir:—Section 9 of the act of 1897, entitled “An Act for the Government of the Penitentiary,” and being chapter 219 of the laws of 1897, reads as follows:

Section 9. That the fiscal year of the institution shall end on the thirty-first day of December of each and every year, whereupon the superintendent shall take and file, under oath, an inventory of all property of every kind on hand and credited to his general annual account between the State and the penitentiary for such year, and the board of directors shall make an annual report to the governor showing the financial condition of the institution by the inventory and accounts of the superintendent, and also the condition and residence of the convicts. The annual report shall also contain the prices paid for the principal supplies and received for the principal products each month, and also a classification of persons on the roll with the rate of wages paid to each. From the whole number printed for distribution, two hundred copies of such annual report shall be preserved for use of the General Assembly.

Assuming as a matter of course that your board has complied with such a plain provision of the law and that the report required by this section has long since been made and printed I beg that you will do me the favor to send me a copy by the bearer of this note.

I also beg that you will at the earliest practical moment cause a copy of the inventory required by the first part of the section to be made and forwarded to me.

I have the honor to be,
Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

(“E”)
Raleigh, July 14, 1898.
Hon. John R. Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I beg that you will cause to be furnished me at the earliest practicable day the following information regarding the administration of the Department of Agriculture, to-wit:

A list of all the officers and employes of the Department, giving the name of each, the date of his election or appointment, the designation and place of his employment, the date of the creation of such office or place, the character and nature of his services, and his monthly compensation.

Also the amount of the gross receipts of the Department for the year beginning June 30th, 1897, and ending June 30th, 1898, together with a detailed statement showing the disbursements for the same period of time and the purposes for which the expenditures were made.

Thanking you in advance for a prompt reply giving the desired information, I am
Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

(“F”)
Rockingham, N. C., July 26.

Dear Sir:—Your favor was handed me in Raleigh in which you ask for a copy of the report of the superintendent of the State's prison for the year 1897. This report has been made to the board, and I believe will be in the hands of the governor in a very short while. I would respectfully suggest that, when this is the case, you can secure a copy at the executive office. If a copy is sent me here, I will gladly forward it to you. If not I will be glad to serve you when I return to Raleigh again. Very truly yours,
(Signed.) CLAUDIUS DOCKERY.

Raleigh, July 25, 1898.
F. M. Simmons, Esq., Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee, Raleigh, N. C.

Sir:—Your various letters, written to the Democratic headquarters and signed by you as chairman of the Democratic party, ask, or demand a large mass of figures and schedules, all of which are usually found in the printed reports of the superintendent of the State prison. When the time comes for me to make my report according to law, I will make it by direction of the law, and not by the direction of the chairman of the Democratic party in North Carolina. From that you, or any other individual, can get the information that you pretend to want.

If the prison clerk had time to make out the statement and gather

up the figures I would be perfectly willing that he should do so now, or at any other time, at the request of any citizen of the State, provided that citizen possesses the following qualifications:

First, he must be a man of honor, who makes the request in good faith for the legitimate purpose of obtaining information, and not with the intention of obtaining figures for distortion, misrepresentation and falsehood.

Second, he must be a person who, when he comes to ask for returns to him will not be suspected on account of his past conduct of having the intention to falsify the returns, so as to make them the reverse of what they truly are.

Third, I should prefer that the person making the request, if he be a politician, should be sincere in what he professes to be. For example, that he should not be standing on a Populist platform when every one knows that he is a Clevelandite and a gold bug and a monopolist.

You are not the kind of man to ask an honest man for bona fide returns of facts and figures. It is simply wonderful that you should ever dare to ask anybody to make returns to you. In 1892 you as chairman of the Democratic party got returns of the votes of the free-men of North Carolina. These returns of the Populist and Republican votes you had flung into the ditch and caused your robber returning boards to refuse to count the votes that you did not like and to count only those that were cast for you and your crowd. You must have some sort of notion that you not only have the right to question me, but are still commander-in-chief of the board of perjurers of the precincts and the robbers of the returning boards. You seem to forget that the people of North Carolina rose in their honest indignation in 1894 and abolished you and your rascally returning boards, and gave to you your final discharge from the manipulation of votes and returns.

But there is some information which you call for that I can give you without hiring an extra book-keeper, and I shall proceed most cheerfully to do so. You want to know about the plantations operated by the penitentiary and the rent, or lease money, contract to be paid by the State.

Well, there is a farm known as the Halifax farm. It was leased from certain individuals under Democratic management, and is now costing the State for rent under the Democratic contract about \$1,600 a year. A large amount was expended upon it in the way of clearing and improvements. Most of it is a dangerous bottom on the Roanoke which cannot be dyked and on which crops cannot be safely planted. It never has been worth the rent, but it was saddled upon the State to be ditched and cleared; and for royal rents to be paid to the fortunate lessors. After it had been improved, cleared up and taken out of the wilderness, and buildings put upon it by the State, General Matthew W. Ransom, of the county of Northampton, notified the superintendent of the penitentiary and the Governor of the State, that the Democratic board had taken the lease and had paid out uncounted thousands of dollars in the way of improvements and rents, and all this they had done on property to which they had no title; that the lease was void and worthless, because there was a mortgage on the property and the mortgagees did not join in the lease, and the mortgage had been foreclosed, and Gen. Ransom, or his son, had become the purchaser of the farm at the mortgage sale. And after the State had improved and rescued it from the wilderness, it turned out that it belonged to General Ransom, or his son. Of course the State ought not to complain about any thing of this sort, because we should submit to anything for the sake of “good government.”

And for the same reason complaint should not be made about the Anson plantation. Your Democratic board (I do not mean your returning board, but the penitentiary board), made a contract for the lease of about 2,500 acres of waste land, consisting of rocks, gullies and overflow bottoms, some old turned-out fields and a considerable quantity of growing wood. The best thing about it is the wood. It stood right thick. It was easy to cut a man of your size and build properly dealt with by law and duly disciplined, could cut two or three cords a day, but while we cut the wood we cannot cut the railroads on freight; consequently when we are cutting wood

we are working for the railroads and thereby making a fusion with you and the other managers of the Democratic party and probably assisting to enlarge your campaign fund. This contract provides that the State may buy this property for about, as I remember it, \$25,000, but the contract made the State pay and is now making the State pay by way of rent, every year nearly six per cent on forty thousand dollars. I am in formed, and I believe that it was valued for taxation at some four or five thousand dollars when the State took hold of it. I am further informed, and I fully believe that it could have been bought for six or seven thousand dollars. I am further informed, and believe, that it was not at that time paying a net interest or income at 6 per cent on five thousand dollars. These figures may not be probably accurate, but since you are after information, suppose you search the tax lists for the years 1895 and 1896, and suppose you get some statements, or estimates, as to the rents that it was paying in those years. I could get them if I had the time. I suppose that you have the time and the campaign fund. It is the opinion of most of the farmers of Anson county that this was another case of a Democratic job put upon the State for the sake of “good government.”

Then, again, there was the Castle Hayne property. Your party had this property rented, or leased. Your party rented out the convicts to the North Carolina Phosphate Company, which had them digging for phosphate rock. Instead of collecting the money for the rent of the convicts, your crowd took the notes of the phosphate company.

The individual stockholders of this phosphate company were reputed rich; they are so regarded now. You took the paper of the phosphate company without ever having obtained the endorsement or security of those rich stockholders, who were really getting the labor of the people dispensed with your “good government,” you dumped upon us some sixteen thousands of dollars of worthless paper of this insolvent corporation.

There are three other plantations, on the Cape Fear that have been rented by the present management for the cultivation of rice. Two of these places were rented from Mr. Butters. One of them for \$500 and the other for \$350 a year. One of them was rented from Mr. Borden of the Navassa Guano Company, for some \$300 or \$350. I am told that some slanderers have already circulated the report that Governor Russell owns these places, or has some interest in them. In this there is no truth. The governor had no interest whatever in these properties. I am reliably informed that there are responsible parties who would be glad enough to take these three plantations from the State at an advance on the rent which the State is paying. Suppose you send out some of your healers and find somebody who will give us one-half or one-third of the rent which we are paying for the Halifax farm and the Anson farm.

You want to know about the sales of cotton of the crop of 1897. It would give me pleasure to answer this or any other of your questions to any man who asked them in good faith and for an honest purpose, so far as I have the knowledge or means of acquiring it. I shall not trouble myself, however, or my bookkeeper, to answer you, but if you want to find out how much cotton was sold from the crop of 1897 and what price it brought, and whether or not it brought its value, you can ask the men who bought it and the men who handled it. About 800 bales was sold by my predecessor to Arnold Borden, of Goldston. This was from the Roanoke Farms. About 270 bales was sold from the Anson Farm before I came in. The purchasers were Wadeboro cotton buyers. I sold about 1,400 bales to Barbee & Co., of Raleigh, and 600 bales to Barbee & Co. and Johnson & Thompson, of Raleigh. The books of these gentlemen will show what they paid, and they know about the quality and value. They can tell you if they choose. The penitentiary books also show all these transactions, all of which you will find embodied in my printed report at the end of the present fiscal year. I am not aware that these data have ever been made public in advance of the printing of the report of the operations of the penitentiary.

Now, since you have so much love and affection for the interrogation mark, suppose you take a look at a

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few of them. As you are asking questions of me I propose to ask some of you.

What do you know about the six thousand dollars of Stanly county bonds, and the eight thousand dollars of Wilkes county bonds that were unloaded on the University of North Carolina, resulting in a loss of fourteen thousand dollars to the University and the taxpayers of the State. All men know that these bonds were worthless. Who sold them to Chapel Hill? The Richmond & Danville Railroad company (that is the Southern Railway company) is supposed to have gotten the bonds? They were sold to the University at about 88 or 90 cents. Did the money go to the original holder, the Richmond & Danville Railroad company? If not, who got it? Did anybody purchase them from the original holder? If so, who was it? And what was the price paid? This whole thing was done by the Democratic management in the days of “good government.” Our poor old University must struggle on and stagger under the loss. Who put the loss upon her? Were they fusionists? Now, stand up and answer like a man. Were they fusionists?

You were chairman of the Democratic committee in 1892. How many votes did your party steal in the election of 1892? As to the negro vote, you need not mention them in your schedule, tell us how many white men your party robbed of their suffrages that year.

How many of your secret circulars did you circulate among the election rogues who held the ballot boxes in 1892? How many of your secret circulars have you got left over? The Populist and Republican committees are running short of them. How many will you furnish for use as souvenirs in the present campaign?

What do you know about the oyster fraud cases? Were you one of the lawyers who tried to get these claims paid out of the State treasury? If so, how much were you to get as your part of the swag? If you were one of the lawyers who were the others, and how much were they to get?

The Democratic convention of 1896 declared for Bryan and free silver. How many days before the assembling of the Democratic convention was it when you, being a Cleveland officeholder at a four or five thousand dollar salary, printed in the Washington Post that North Carolina would certainly be for Cleveland and gold?

One more question. You are now clamoring about white man's government and negro rule. It has been time and time again publicly charged that the Democrats of Craven county fused with a faction of the Republicans and put out a coalition ticket along in the eighties on which was the name of one or more negroes. How many of them were there? What were the names of those negroes? How many times did you vote for them? I should not have thought you would have done it.

Another question. You went to Congress from the Black district now represented by one George H. White, colored, whose majority over two candidates was 1,232. Did you get in by election or by ciphering?

One more question. If you succeed in defeating Bryan in 1900, do you expect to get your old office or a better one? Are you hoping for Ransom and Cleveland or Ransom and McKinley to do better by you next time? Vance is dead and can no longer hinder your confirmation. Yours truly,
J. W. MEWBORNE.
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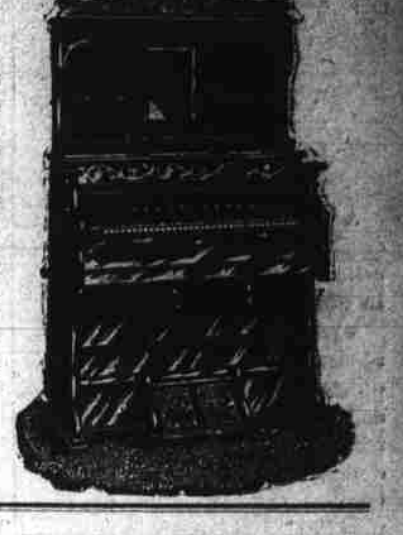
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