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A SENSIBLE LETTER.

THE COUNTY DEBT—HOW IT IS TO BE PAID.

HALIFAX, N. C., August 6th, 1880. It is the duty as well as the privilege of every citizen of the county of Halifax to discuss, whenever it becomes necessary, all matters of a public local character.

As a citizen and a taxpayer of the county, I feel it in this communication, consider certain measures, which deeply affect the welfare of the county.

On the first Monday of this month a joint session of the Commissioners and Justices of the county was held in the Court House for the purpose of levying the county taxes for the ensuing year.

In as much as I am counsel for certain creditors of the county it might be considered indicative on my part, were I to advocate the propriety of levying any particular percentage of taxation.

Section 1. The General Assembly shall levy a capitation tax on every male inhabitant of the State over twenty years of age, who shall be equal on each, to the tax on property valued at three hundred dollars in cash.

Section 2. The proceeds of the State and county capitation tax shall be applied to the purposes of education and the support of the poor, but no one year shall more than twenty per cent thereof be appropriated to the latter purpose.

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