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DOUGLAS, THE MARSHAL.

Our contemporary, the Charlotte Observer, is doing real service in devoting so much space to the career of Robert M. Douglas, United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina.

The evidence as to Douglas's inefficiency is too voluminous for our columns, as we prefer always to secure in each issue our usual variety, unless the occasion for a change is local or imperative.

The facts set forth bear the seal of authenticity, and clinch the charges which have been frequently made of gross frauds and mismanagement in the affairs of this district.

The evidence offered is identical with that which has been in the hands of the present Administration for some time. It appears to be sufficiently ample to have required Mr. Hayes, long ago, to summarily dismiss Marshal Douglas.

The correspondent of the Observer says: 'The mass of testimony, consisting of affidavits taken in the locality, and of extracts from the records of the courts, the district, disclosed by Special Agent Hayes, are said to disclose frauds upon the Treasury which will probably aggregate more than \$100,000.'

The main points established by evidence in the hands of the Department of Justice, appear to be these:

- 1. That the deputy marshals and drunken U. S. Commissioners hold fictitious courts, arrest or pretend to arrest fictitious persons, and summon imaginary witnesses, and in fact make up cases on paper, make out pay rolls for mythical witnesses, and keep the vouchers for their own use.
2. That a great number of arrests were made that were afterwards ignored by the grand jury. Several thousand persons were bound over against whom no true bills have been found.

This same man occupied a desk in the marshal's office at Greensboro, and was known there as Archibald, and yet was permitted to prove an account under another name which was included by the marshal in his account current for the term of the court. This same man was permitted to go from court to court which followed each other in close succession twice a year, and prove witness attendance and mileage from New York to Greensboro and back to New York, and then from New York to Statesville and back to New York, and from

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

It is manifest that the Virginia papers do not intend to give North Carolina a hearing. They publish the incorrect and unjust statements of native writers concerning the third day's battle, but will not give any portion of the articles on the other side.

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The Constable undertook the task of ferreting out the thief, and shortly afterwards discovered George West with some of the stolen garments on his person. He was thereupon arrested and carried before Justice J. B. Powers, of Union Township, who ordered him to give bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, in default of which he was committed, as before stated.

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