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THE CRIMES OF HOLDEN'S ADMINISTRATION.

The crimes of Holden's administration have no parallel in the history of civilization. We defy any one to cite a parallel. It can't be done. When he went into power the people had just emerged from a disastrous and desolating war; there was comparatively no money in the Treasury to steal and misapply. What did he and his supporters do? They at once pretended to the people that they were the friends of internal improvements, projected numerous schemes, and although the people could barely live comfortably, owing to the misfortunes of the war, these fellows increased the State debt at once, by the enormous sum of $26,000,000, making it over $40,000,000. The Supreme Court held that about $10,000,000 of this new debt was unconstitutional and void. The remaining $16,000,000 of bonds were at once thrown on the markets of the country and at once the credit of the State went down to nothing, and for the whole $16,000,000, less than $1,000,000 has gone and will go into the public works. A large part of the sum realized for these bonds was used to bribe and corrupt the Legislature and other officers, and a large sum went into the pockets of the Carpet Baggers and Scalawags themselves of this State. They turned round and repudiated all these bonds by act of the Legislature, and have got the Governor to veto it so.

Last year more than a half a million of dollars were levied from the people, and more than half of this sum was collected to pay the interest on the $16,000,000 bonds. This money was wasted—paying high salaries and $7 a day to the most ignorant and profligate set of men as a whole, that ever disgraced any capital in this or any other country. Then they took the "Special tax" money and wasted and stole that; then they sold the States Stock in the Wilmington & Weldon, and Wilmington & Manchester Railroad Company and squandered that in like manner; then the State got for her dividend from the North Carolina Railroad Company $180,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Company, and they put these bonds and sold them at 65 cents on the dollar to a *favorite*, when they were worth 90 cents in the dollar, and they used the money. The other day these same company declared another dividend and they have taken that and with it, without any authority of law, whatever, they have organized an army of desperate men, to make war upon the people and force them to keep this set of robbers in office. They have squandered the school fund until there is no school fund; they have sold the "Swamp lands" for $30,000, when they were worth from $200,000 to $300,000, they have made open war on the people; they have arrested many of the most peaceable and quiet citizens of the State without any warrant or lawful authority, and held them as prisoners; they have defied and refused to obey the writ of *habeas corpus*, and insulted the Judges of the State—they have perpetrated all these and other crimes more than we can enumerate. This is not empty declamation, but is true to the letter and they know it as well as we. And what is remarkable, the office holders sustain and support each other almost to a man. With all these crimes and outrages, open and manifest to every body, confessed even by the perpetrators themselves, not a single man of them has raised his voice in condemnation of them, but is, on the contrary, they co-operate in the attempt to *force* the people to keep them in place. They know that if honest men were in power they would hurl the most of them from power and place; and this is what they fear, and hence the reckless desperate war of murder they are making on the people. We tell the people, black and white of all parties, that the only remedy is to go to the ballot box and vote for men good and true, pledged to drive the rascals out of the temple and into outer darkness. Let the people, every man, be up and doing for himself and little ones and his country; the country demands honest effort, and let no one withhold.

Now is the day to do the peaceful work consigning these detestable blasts of the peace and prosperity of the land to merited infamy and obscurity.

A "RING" OPERATION.

The Radical Legislature passed acts calling themselves acts, but in fact, acts for the benefit of the "Ring," amounting to over $4,000,000 and provided a *special tax* to pay the interest on these bonds, and last year the people paid of this "special tax" money into the Treasury about $417,000.—After this money to pay interest on the "special tax" bonds had been collected, and after the "Ring" had sold all the bonds they could, first *cutting off the coupons first*, the Legislature passed an act repudiating the "special tax" bonds, but just before they did this, the "Ring" presented "special tax bond coupons" due to the amount of $111,128. The "Ring" men got every dollar of this money and the State got every dollar of it. That was part of the money wrung from the people last year and put into the pockets of Andrew Jackson, Littlefield, Swepson & Co. Let the people consider of this as another of the many Radical robberies, and say if they are willing to keep the same set of plunderers in office.

PREPARE FOR GREAT DEVELOPMENTS.

Gov. Holden had a horse thief and murderer, one Daniel A. Graham, brought to Raleigh to testify that the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore county, and some twenty other gentlemen, had been guilty of murder, arson and other crimes. Though he still has this recorded evidence of Graham in his possession, no arrests have been made on it.

Some three weeks ago, on Saturday and Sunday, the houses of twelve peaceable citizens in three different counties, were visited by soldiers, arrests made and nine respectable citizens put in the common jail by a carpet bag officer, before giving them a hearing. After the rascal had thus punished them, he turned eight of them loose without binding over to Court, even.

Mr. James E. Boyd, of Alamance, is here; the Radicals say he is going to turn State's evidence and make wonderful disclosures. If he does, he can hurt none but members of a *secret society*; he can't hurt the Conservative Democratic party to which we belong. We believe in no secret societies; they are a curse to any country, and the people of North Carolina are feeling this curse to day.

The present disgraceful broil and sham war now going on in the State, is between [illegible] some other secret organization originated no doubt in opposition to the leagues, into which quarrel and turmoil, innocent and [illegible]

Let them fight, burn and hang on, if they will, but we expect, by the help of God, the majesty of the law and constitution, and the moral power of truth inherent in the great mass of the people, to put down both these secret organizations, so inimical and dangerous to liberty, peace and safety.

Some four months ago Holden's detectives gave him a list of names in Alamance, said to belong to the Ku Klux. Why has he not proceeded to arrest them until the eve of the election?

He has bought all the horses of one of our Livery stables here that he could get, and it is said he has sent an order to Baltimore for one hundred more. These horses are to be used to ride over the country next week, to make arrests on the evidence of such men as Daniel A. Graham, Toulon and Parrott.

Jon says "Dad" has not yet made up his mind to arrest us. We tell "Dad" he *dare not* arrest us. We are an American citizen, loyal and obedient to the laws, and we defy "Dad" Kirk and the devil.

The devil incarnate who signed the ordinance of secession and called for the head of Abe Lincoln before Booth took it off, cannot and shall not threaten through his son, our arrest and hanging in the jail yard, without our throwing back defiance in his teeth.

This wicked rascal who, through his Railroad Presidents, has wronged, robbed, despoiled and plundered the people, shall be told of it. Grant and his grand army of the Potomac can't silence us nor shut the complaining mouths of the hundred thousand tax payers of the State who are groaning under the burden, oppression and insult that has been heaped upon them.

ONLY ONE WEEK.

It is but just one week to the day of election. During that week there is much to be done by the Conservatives and Democrats to secure the election of honest men to office and redeem the State from the oppression and misrule under which it groans.

We have been forced to try the Radicals for two years, and we have seen and *felt* the result. The old saying of "bad times and worse a-coming" expresses precisely the facts of the situation under Radical rule. We know the people, those who have to bear the burdens of taxation, intend to make a change.

It is a week in which every man must do his whole duty. We must arouse our own friends to action in registering and voting, and at the same time watch and checkmate the underhanded movements of our opponents.

There is to be a mine sprung just a day or two before the election, by the Radical leaders; the papers are now being prepared and disseminated ready to be brought out according to programme. Certificates and charges and monstrous discoveries and lies are to be fulminated, with a view to frighten the timid and affect the wavering. This is so, and we tell you of it that you may be forewarned.

Let none of these things move you. Our cause is just, our prospect bright, Radicals are turning to us every day; we know this is so; therefore, let every man do his duty and the State is redeemed.

"THE WAY IT WORKS!"

Chief Justice Pearson, a few days since issued nineteen writs of *habeas corpus* for citizens of Caswell in custody of Kirk.—One of them was for a gentleman who undertook to serve a similar writ from Judge Mitchell of the Superior Court, which was torn up by Kirk and the gentleman having left Yanceyville on his way to Danville, was pursued, arrested and carried back and put in close custody.

A dispatch, we learn, was yesterday received by counsel here, from Mr. George Williamson of Caswell, saying, that he took the writs issued by Judge Pearson to Kirk's camp on yesterday to serve them but was driven from Yanceyville, under threats of being fired into.

So we go, yet Holden says he is sustained by the Chief Justice, and has a great respect for the laws and the civil authorities!

Out upon such impudence and hypocrisy!

HOLDEN AND THE "RING."

There is no man, cognizant of the facts, but believes Gov. Holden to be a guilty participant in the ill gotten gains of the "Ring."

That the "Ring" plundered the State is proven; that Holden appointed the men, Swepson, Jones, Littlefield and Sloan to responsible positions is proven, also.

That he connived at the peculations and frauds practiced by his appointees can be proven by John T. Deweese, one of the villains who "turned States evidence."

That Gov. Holden refused to interpose any check whatever to prevent the corruptions going on; and that he never attempted to detect and punish a single abuse committed by the men who were thus *stealing* the people's money, is a patent fact uncontradicted by any record in the State.

It cannot be shown by any message or other official act, that he has ever lifted his voice or made any effort, or advised the Legislature or the courts to take any steps to hamper the rogues or protect the finances of the State. We have no doubt that he fears, were he to set on foot any inquiry into the frauds and corruptions of Littlefield and the "Ring," it would end in his own exposure and confusion.

Though he knows Littlefield to be a perjurer and [illegible] President of the Western N. C. Railroad.

Though Dr. Sloan stands self confessed, on oath, of having taken a bribe of $20,000, [illegible] Holden appointed him to a seat before the Legislature appropriating $2,000,000 to a Railroad, still he continues him in a position in which he has the handling of millions of the people's money, with no security for its proper use.

With these facts before the people, who but Sam Phillips, Scott, Kirk and didapper Dick, will dare to say the Governor has a clean record in regard to the frauds and corruptions that have been practiced in the State.

LOOK OUT FOR FRAUD AND FALSE HOOD.

The Radical leaders here are leaving nothing undone that can in any way mislead and deceive the people of all parties and induce them to obstain from voting, or to vote the Radical ticket. All sorts of frauds will be practiced in reference to tickets, many of them have been detected [illegible] carefully his ticket before he deposits it in the ballot box.

But the people may especially anticipate that astounding representations will be made and scattered broad cast over the State in hand bills and otherwise as to *Ku Klux* crimes and outrages, and as to developements made through Holden's military movement. Watch this matter. It is already intimated that this will be done. The people are aware of the lawless armed force of Holden organized expressly to force the election his way or defeat it altogether, and a man, or set of men, who can perpetrate so wicked a crime as this, is capable of making any fraudulent and false effort or representation to accomplish a purpose. The men who have perpetrated unheard of crimes without number, on the people of the State, intend to yield their grip on power and the purse and sword, only after the people have wrenched them from them at the ballot box. Let them do this at once and send them where they will never be heard of again or mentioned except in scorn and derision.

For the Sentinel.

HON. JOSIAH TURNER, *Jr.*:—I write you a hasty note to inform you that the Conservative prospect of success in every county west of the Blue Ridge is bright and promises certain success to all the Conservative candidates for the Legislature, for Congress and Attorney General. Mr. Phillips did his cause no good, indeed, it was manifest he felt condemned all the time and had no confidence in the party whose candidate he is. The Radicals see the handwriting on the wall and fear and tremble.—Holden's war down there is playing the mischief with them here; the people of all parties detest and denounce it, except a few Radicals, and they are almost every one afraid to say they sustain him.

The Radicals in this section resort to all sorts of shifts and subterfuges to deceive and mislead the people. They will tell any sort of a tale to serve a purpose in one locality, and for the same end contradict it in another. They tell a thousand stories about what you all say and do in the East and no doubt they will then make false representations about us in the West. So look out. We detect frauds in the tickets prepared, almost daily. Let everybody look out for frauds and falsehoods. If the people East of the Ridge will do as well as we intend to do, we will carry the State by twenty thousand majority. Keep the ball a moving. BUNCOMBE.

July 20th, 1870.

Our correspondent is not mistaken in his apprehensions as to falsehood and misrepresentation. The *Standard* of this morning says, that James M. Merrimon and Wilson Allen, Conservative candidates in the West took bold and open ground in opposition to the homestead provision of the Constitution. This, we are authorized to say, by one who knows and is responsible, is false as to James M. Merrimon, and he believes it is false as to Mr. Allen. The *Standard* gives no authority for its statement and we take it the statement is entirely without foundation and is made to have effect East of the Ridge, and so lately before the election as that the false statement cannot be corrected. We say the statement is made without a shadow of foundation as to one of the gentlemen and we believe so as to the other.

THE CONTRAST—LOOK.

The cost of the State government for the year beginning 20th of September, 1865, and ending 30th September, 1867, was $264,679.54. That was the year before Holden & Co. came into office. The cost of the State government for the year beginning 30th of September, A. D., 1868, and ending September 30th, 1869, was $746,860.40.—This was the first year of Radical rule.—Difference in cost $382,180-46. This vast sum was embezzled and went into the pockets of Radicals. Add to this the cost of the Legislature for 1869-70, $250,000 and we have the enormous sum of $632,180.46. Add to this the sum paid out and lost to the "Ring" for "special tax" coupons, say $111,128, and you have the still greater sum of $743,308.46. O, does not the heart sicken at such details of fraud and villainy! Can it be that the people will vote to keep such plunderers in power longer? We trust not. Let the people remember too, that although these crimes are confessed and are undeniable, that *not a single Radical has* raised his voice or pen in opposition to, or denunciation of these crimes and frauds that have no parallel in the history of civilization. Is this not remarkable? It argues a combination of plunderers of the public, at once appalling and alarming. Let the people wake up and save themselves.

HABEAS CORPUS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, July 27, 1870.

In the matter of Adolphus G. Moore on Habeas Corpus.

1. For an attachment or rule to show cause against the Governor for not making a sufficient return to the writ of *habeas corpus*.

2. If this writ of attachment against the Governor is not proper, then for a similar writ or rule against Col. George W. Kirk.

3. That the Marshal of the Supreme Court be directed to proceed further in the execution of the writ directed to him to bring the body of the prisoner before your honor.

On this morning, the 28th inst., the Chief Justice delivered his answer in writing, as follows:

Ex Parte Moore.

The first motion is refused.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has no power under the *habeas corpus* act to order the arrest of the Governor of the State.

The second motion is refused.

It has been adjudicated by me, that Col. Kirk had a justifiable excuse, his orders having been avowed by the Governor.

The third motion is refused.

[illegible] Marshal to go to the camp of Col. Kirk and make a demand, as the Governor has taken upon himself the responsibility of declining to produce the body of the petitioner. In Story's case 10 Johnson, 238, Chancellor Kent on the return of a writ of *habeas corpus* directed to General Lewis, held the return, "The party is not in my custody" to be insufficient, it should have been, "the party is not in my custody *or under my control.*" The custody of a subordinate is the custody of the superior.

The petitioner, if it will serve his purpose of applying to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the U. S. for a writ of *habeas corpus*, as suggested by his counsel, may take the fact to be, that the Marshal proceeded to the camp of Col. Kirk, and informed him of the writ, and that Col. Kirk relied on his orders and refused to deliver the body of the petitioner.

R. M. PEARSON,
Ch. J. S. C.

It will be remembered that the writ which was issued by the Chief Justice, after the Governor had made his return to the writ of *habeas corpus* was as follows:

To David A. Wicker, Marshal of the Supreme Court:—

You are hereby commanded in the name of the State of North Carolina, forthwith to bring Adolphus G. Moore, wherever to be found, before me, Richmond M. Pearson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in the City of Raleigh. Herein fail not. Have therein this writ and make due return.

RICHMOND M. PEARSON,
Chief Justice Superior Court.

Raleigh, July 30th, 1870.

Instructions.—You will wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, exhibit to him this writ, and a copy of the opinion in "Moore's case" and make return to me.

R. M. PEARSON,
C. J. S. C.

This writ was issued after the Chief Justice had delivered his opinion declaring that by the constitution, the Governor had no right to suspend the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* and that it was not suspended, and the writ above named commanded the Marshal to bring the body of Moore before him, but to first serve it on the Governor.

It will be seen that the Governor refuses to obey this writ, and now, the Chief Justice says he is powerless to execute the law of the land, as the Governor has taken the responsibility not to do it.

What a state of things! We submit these papers to the people of the State, and the country. But what becomes of the lying, pretence of the Governor and his organ, that he and the Chief Justice are acting in accord; and that he was but carrying out the opinion of the Judge. If this be so there is something between them, more than has hitherto met the public eye.

MORE ARRESTS.—Asahel W. S. Marshal, Booker, on a warrant from U. S. Commissioner, Shaffer, arrested, yesterday, in Harnett county, Burt Hodge, Wm. Avery and John L. Byrd, charged with whipping one Jordan Weaver, of Johnston county, for his political opinions. All the parties are white, and the arrests were made by Booker alone, without a posse of U. S. troops, a significant fact that those who have been lying about resistance to law in North Carolina, would do well ponder.

The examination was to come off this afternoon, but had not done so before we went to press. We have learned nothing in regard to the particulars of the case.

For the Sentinel.

ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR HOLDEN.

DEAR GOVERNOR:—Permit an humble citizen, one who seeks neither office nor favors at your hands, to speak a few words of soberness and truth to you for our common good, and for the good of the people of North Carolina, without regard to race, color or previous condition.

The arbitrary exercise of powers not granted you, either by the Constitution or the laws of North Carolina, in suspending the writ of *habeas corpus*, when there is neither invasion, insurrection or resistance to the execution of the law, has excited surprise and contempt in the mind of every statesman and patriot in this broad land.

It is rumored in different parts of the country that you contemplate sending a part of your military force to Johnston county; as a citizen of the county; in the name of people of the county I enter my protest against it. There is no necessity for it. The people of Johnston county stand prominent as a law-loving and law abiding people; they will compare favorably with any community either in or out of the State as good and loyal citizens. The records of the county sustain me in what I assert of the people of my county. Not only the records of the county certify to the truth of what I assert, but every peace officer of the county will endorse without hesitation or mental reservation its truth. Then I appeal to you, Governor, as commander-in-chief of the militia of the State, to know, what necessity, under what authority either of the Constitution or the laws of North Carolina do you [illegible] county; there is no invasion, there is no insurrection, there is no resistance to the execution of the laws, and contrary to either will be an arbitrary and unwarranted exercise of power.

The object of the move is to get up strife between the citizens of the county and the militia, the instigator of the wicked purpose will be wofully disappointed; human nature is about the same, with here and there, like angels' visits, an exception, and I regret to say, Governor, you are one of the unfortunate exceptions. If they come they will be treated courteously, kindly and as gentlemen they will reciprocate the kindness.

If the object is to make political capital, to deter the voters of Johnston county to keep them from the polls on the 4th day of August 1870, it will be a signal failure; the soldiers themselves are freemen, entitled to the right of suffrage and in common with their fellow citizens they will not forget that, if you in the exercise of an arbitrary power not guaranteed you either by the Constitution nor laws of North Carolina, can proscribe one voter, you have the same right to proscribe them whenever [illegible]

A free press, free speech and a free ballot is guaranteed to every citizen of the State by the constitution and laws. They are the palladium of our liberties and he who denies, or attempts to deny the free exercise of the one or the other is a traitor and a coward. Governor, if you are not insane, if you are not given over to hardness of heart and reprobacy of mind that you may believe a lie, the conclusion with every sane man in the State is, that you are bent upon mischief, that you thirst for the blood of those whose sworn duty it is yours to protect.

Let us take a bird's eye view of the condition of the State as represented by you, through the spectacles of common sense.—To bolster up your case, for argument sake, I will admit the truth of your bill of indictment as charged against the people of North Carolina, and we will go farther; let us admit that every county and every citizen in the counties are in a state of open rebellion, I ask who is responsible?

It is one of the universal laws of nature that like causes produce like effects. Taking this view of the subject, I ask you, Governor, in all candor to say whether the deplorable condition of affairs complained of by you in your bill of indictment against the people of the State in the shape of a proclamation, ever existed in North Carolina before. How many of your predecessors ever complained, officially or unofficially of the deplorable condition of affairs as represented by you? Did Worth, Vance, Ellis, or any other Governor of the good old North State ever malign her citizens as you have? No, no, Governor. Then I repeat the enquiry where does the fault lie? who is responsible for the turmoil and excitement that pervades North Carolina from the sea shore to the mountain top? You, Governor, are the responsible person, the sin was at your own door, and that it proceeds from four causes combined, or, taking a more humane view of the subject, it proceeds from one or more of them, viz. incapacity, insanity, credulity, or a depravity of heart, and mind and body, that would make a fan blush and petition weep.

Yours respectfully,
J. T. LEACH.

The following we take from the Fayetteville *Eagle*. It speaks for itself:

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP, July 1870.

To the people of Cumberland county:

We, the undersigned, having heretofore acted and voted with the Republican party, take this method of announcing ourselves out of the party, and in the future will use our ballot and influence to place good and honest men in office. The Radicals have failed in every promise they ever made the people. They promised retrenchment and reform, and all they have done is to fill the pockets of the office holder with the people's money; bankrupt the State and ruin its credit; tax the people almost intolerably and totally destroy our internal improvements for years to come. We earnestly beg all good and honest men to join us in helping to put honest men in office.

WM. FAIRCLOTH,
WM. R. JACKSON,
W. J. JACKSON,
LUTHER R JACKSON,
R. W. #FARLING,
HENRY C. CARTER,
JOHN C. CARTER, JR.
CHARLES STERLING.

"A military company paraded at Boston a few days ago, with twenty-two men bearing muskets, and twenty-three playing on musical instruments." This has always been the way with Massachusetts. We have never had a war yet in which she did not do a great deal more blowing than fighting. —*Courier Journal.*

[From the Wilmington Journal.]

SAMPSON COUNTY KU KLUX.

In a recent article in the Raleigh *Standard*, recounting a number of alleged outrages, says:

"And a colored man, who was on the streets of Raleigh yesterday, was recently most inhumanely scourged in the county of Sampson *for his political opinion*."

Now for the facts. This negro is known in Sampson as William Scott, and has the appearance of being a half Indian. He said in different conversations that he came from Duplin, Northampton and Wake. He was a total stranger in Sampson. On Monday morning he remarked to a negro that it would not be long before there would not be a white left to rule in Sampson, as he intended to have Kirk and his men there. That night Scott was whipped, as described in the following affidavit, by negroes who did not know him, for no offence, but as they swear, in accordance with the orders of a secret League. These parties were all Radicals.

Scott left immediately, without making complaint, having passed through Clinton, the county seat, on the day Brig. Gen. Dockery spoke, on his way to the railroad.

A colored man, Samuel Crumpler, afterwards told some gentlemen that he thought it was his duty to tell them of the plot to get Kirk's men into the county, by representing that Scott had been Ku Kluxed, when in fact it had all been made up by the negroes themselves. A State's warrant was immediately issued against the parties [illegible] however, escaped and have not since been heard from. It may be well to state, as indicative of the good feeling between [illegible] shown to [illegible] affected by one white man and several negroes, and guarded and taken to jail by the latter.

When brought before the Magistrate the parties made affidavits to the facts therein contained, and by the time they get the Governor to send "Kirk's men," to Sampson, we suppose the other three will be captured and be lodged in jail, ready to be taken to Yanceyville for military trial.

This is a true and simple statement of the *Standard's* Sampson Ku Klux horror, and shows the real foundation of much of the evidence upon which Governor Holden orders his military to imprison the leading citizens of the State. Can it be true that Kirk has a number of trained East Tennessee emissaries to make work for him?

The affidavit is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
SAMPSON COUNTY.

A copy of the evidence before J. E. Barden, J. P., in Clinton.

Wash Howard being sworn, testifies: I am an officer of a society of secret organization, and known amongst us as General. He, Virgil Crumpler, swore such persons as he wanted as members. The oath is this, or as nearly this as I can remember: "To keep all things secret, and if a member tells anything, he is to be killed." Virgil Crumpler swore the members to do any and everything he should order them to do through Thomas Butler, the Captain. To kill a man or men, to burn houses or anything that he, Virgil Crumpler, should order. The members to this secret organization is Virgil Crumpler, General; Thos. Butler, Captain; Wash Howard, Smith Herring, Marsh Howard, Lewis Howard, Lou Owens, Charley Crumpler, Wrin Herring, Thad Newman, Jim Cooper, Green Underwood, Gabe Royal, all colored. I have been a member of this secret organization about three weeks. Virgil Crumpler administered the oath to me, holding up my right hand. The meetings of this organization were held at Virgil Crumpler's house, on Matthew Faison's land, in Sampson county, State of North Carolina. Meetings were held some two or three times a week. On Monday night, the 18th of July, 1870, I, Wash Howard, with Thad Newman, Jim Cooper, Marsh Howard and Lewis Howard, all colored, went to the house of Tony White, colored, in the county of Sampson, and State of North Carolina, and took therefrom a colored man who called himself Scott A. Litcher, and carried him about a quarter of a mile from Tony White's house, where Marsh Howard whipped him, the said Scott, striking him some eight or ten licks with a little whip. Lewis Howard, colored, was present with a shot gun; his face concealed and hidden with a covering of cloth. After Scott was whipped a gun was fired off, pretended to be fired at said Scott. I think that Lewis Howard fired the gun. Do not know what Scott was whipped for; thought it was orders from Virgil Crumpler, the General. Several of the members of this society go armed, with shot guns and pistols.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, J. E. Barden, a Justice of the Peace for Sampson county, at my office in Clinton, this the 25th day of July, 1870.

his
WASH ✕ HOWARD.
mark.

(Signed) J. E. Barden, J. P.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
SAMPSON COUNTY.

Thad Newman and Jim Cooper, colored, sworn, testify: That the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, except that Thad Newman has not yet taken the oath.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a Justice of the Peace for Sampson county, at my office in Clinton, this the 25th day of July, 1870.

his
THAD ✕ NEWMAN,
mark.
JAMES COOPER.

(Signed) J. E. BARDEN, J. P.

There will be no privateering in the war between France and Prussia. It is forbidden by the "Paris Declaration" of 1856, which was signed by the Plenipotentiaries of England, France, Prussia, Austria, Russia, Sardinia, and Turkey. The essential guage of the four points then agreed upon is as follows:

1. Privateering is and remains abolished.

2. The neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war.

3 Neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under enemy's flag.

4. Blockades, in order to be binding must be effective; that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy.

The American Government, it will be remembered, declined to become a party to the above declaration.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

From the Boston Post.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The new events in North Carolina, the most prolific of the new born States in the bitter fruits of Reconstruction—is a Radical affair in every sense of the word. The Radical Governor, Holden, who, from the very beginning of Reconstruction, has been one of the most radical disturbers of order and law and the regular administration of justice, has now carried his radical audacity so far as to defy the civil courts; to proclaim martial law; to suspend the writ of habeas corpus; to place in command of a body of disaffected, which he calls the State militia, a certain Col. Kirk, distinguished for the manipulation of similar movements in Tennessee, to order the said Colonel to arrest several respectable individuals, known to be of conservative character and tendencies, and to charge them, not with any overt acts, civil or moral, but with suspicion merely of being connected with that invisible but ever available Radical bugbear, the Ku Klux Klan; and finally, to answer the writ of the Chief Justice of the State for a habeas corpus, by the characteristic Radical reply that that sort of thing was "played out." The reconstructed carpet baggers and saurpers of authority in North Carolina were not to be insulted by a suggestion even of constitutional liberty, or the once regular but now "played out" forms of law. And all this as merely a preliminary movement of the approaching political campaign. The Congressional candidates were speaking in the Court House when the place was surrounded [illegible] arrests made of several prominent citizens, including the sheriff of the county, made without form of law and [illegible] than that of Radical expediency and the assurance of Mr Sumner that Reconstruction must be carried out at all hazards and by all means, and that Reconstruction means nothing more nor less than a guarantee of a republican form of government—in other words, a government formed and held and operated by and for the exclusive benefit of Radical Republicans.

In accordance with this species of republican government, at last accounts the Court House had been seized and placed under guard, and a military commission—Col. Kirk himself and his subordinates constituting the court—was in session, to try, or more strictly speaking, to condemn the arrested citizens. The whole transaction is but another example of the legitimate results of that egregious botch work at legislation called Reconstruction—which was designed and is being executed in North and South Carolina and other half formed States, in the interests of Radicalism, by placing the reins of government and the means of official corruption in the [illegible] supple tools of party.

From the Baltimore Sun, July 25th.

MARTIAL LAW IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Chief Justice Pearson gave his decision on Saturday in the habeas corpus cases growing out of the arrests made by Colonel Kirk, acting under orders issued by Governor Holden. The Chief Justice decided that the writ was not suspended and must be obeyed, and ordered it to issue in the cases of Adolphus G. Moore, one of the petitioners, and eighteen others, directed to the marshal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, who hastened to bring the bodies of the persons named before the chief justice, wherever found. According to the meagre statement given of Judge Pearson's opinion in the telegraphic dispatch, while declaring that the writ had not been suspended, he at the same time justified Kirk's refusal to obey it, upon the ground that he was acting under the orders of his superior, the Governor.

If the writ is not suspended, and the Governor had no power to suspend it, or to authorize its suspension by Kirk, it is difficult to see what justification the latter can find in the illegal orders of his superior. Can the Chief Justice mean that if Governor Holden were to order Kirk to commit murder, the order would be his justification? There was a time in this country when the liberty of a citizen was considered as sacred as his life, and the violation of the one scarcely less heinous than the unlawful taking of the other. We can hardly conceive that so eminent a jurist as Judge Pearson has promulgated a doctrine at variance with the decisions of the highest courts both of this country and of England, and with every principle of constitutional liberty. Only under an absolute despotism can the orders of the superior be pleaded in justification of any crime the inferior may commit. The next thing to be seen is whether the writ will be obeyed. The return made by the marshal to whom the writs are addressed will be looked to with [illegible]

In the meantime, some clue to the probable course of events may be had from the following paragraph which appeared in yesterday's (Sunday) Washington *Chronicle*, and the dispatch given to it from Governor Holden to the editor of that paper. It will be seen that Holden claims Judge Pearson's decision as a substantial victory, and the *Chronicle* considers that the Governor, backed "by the President of the United States and the Chief Justice of his own State, has command of the position." The paragraph is as follows:

"NORTH CAROLINA.—The following dispatch explains itself. Governor Holden has command of the position in North Carolina, and is now sustained by the President of the United States and by the Chief Justice of his own State:

"RALEIGH, N. C., July 23, 1870.—To John W. Forney, editor of the *Chronicle*: Habeas corpus case just decided. Chief Justice Pearson substantially sustains the State government and refuses to interfere.

W. W. HOLDEN,
"Chairman State Republican Ex. Com."

Don Piatt on the colored cadet: "If he remains, West Point will be so tarnished that who can hope for a reform. If he resigns, on the contrary, the country will be convulsed. Henry Wilson will stand on his head, which will not at all affect his intellect. Senator Charles will curse and swear, and that will not damage his morals. Bingham will invoke "the gathered wisdom of a thousand years," and speak his speech for the hundredth time with more emphasis than ever; and in the end the little school will be tipped into the Hudson, and this infernal nonsense of making an officer, instead of creating an army, will end forever."