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CHIEF JUSTICE PARSONS AND THE SENATE.

On Friday last a paper written by the Chief Justice Parsons, was presented to the Senate, at the instance of Chief Justice Parsons, which was signed by him and purported to be the views of the Senate upon the removal of the Chief Justice from office.

We have not yet been able to get a sight of the original and the copy, but we hope to get a copy of it before long, and then we will be enabled to discuss its merits and demerits.

We hope that the paper is a feeble and perfunctory production, and that the Chief Justice is not to be impeached, and that he is to be restored to his former position, and that he is to be allowed to escape answering at the bar of the State for the crimes that are chargeable upon him.

Heretofore he has professed silent contempt for the loud complaints of the Press and the helpless citizens who are outraged by denying them the benefit of the writ of *habeas corpus*; now he sees approaching danger and justice, he trembles and fears, and seeks by sinister and indirect means to ward off a sentence which will, when pronounced, consign him to perpetual ignominy and shame. He laughed at the calamity of the victims of Holden's lawless robbings and outrages, and mocked at their repeated appeals for relief; to which they were entitled, and which he had sworn to grant to them; but now the day of his own retributions has arrived, and he is the hand of Justice seized him.

This paper was addressed to the Senate and introduced before it, for what purpose? Let us consider. He knew that it had been seriously proposed to impeach him for high crimes and misdemeanors; he knew as well as any one that the Senate branch of the Legislature must be the Court to try him when impeached, and he knew, too, that the Senators ought not to consider of evidence or arguments for or against him until the trial should come on according to law; yet he sends his apology or defense to the Senate, in advance of his trial!

He knew the House of Representatives alone could impeach; he knew he could be properly heard there; and why did he not go there to be heard in advance of his action of the House against him? The reason for such conduct is manifest; he deliberately intended to escape and embarrass the Senate, and have the proceedings of his case upon an *ex parte* statement made by himself. No other reasonable motive of which we can conceive can be assigned for his action. It was alike monstrous and insulting to the Senate, and that body properly refused to hear the paper read, and such graceless presumption is unheard-of, and to use one's own phrases, "shocks the moral sense."

We here repeat the gravest charge made against the Chief Justice; it is, that he wilfully and corruptly refused, in his office of Chief Justice of the State, to give efficiency according to law, to the writ of *habeas corpus* for the benefit of many citizens, lawfully deprived of their liberty by a *disparado* by the name of George W. Kirk and others, backed by the Executive of the State, by wilfully refusing to grant the process, and exercise the means provided by law to that end. This charge we can make good by abundant and indubitable proof, if we can have the opportunity to do so.

DAVID SETTLE, ESQ.

Ashley and Martin, the *finny* editors of the Standard, are greatly grieved over the conduct of Mr. Settle, member from Rockingham, who offered an amendment to the bill which removes Joseph W. Holden as State Printer. They falsely intimate that we suggested Mr. Settle's amendment. We never heard of it till it was read to the House. Mr. Settle's purpose seems to have been to exclude the swindler, Littlefield, as a bidder for the printing.

Ashley and his brother-in-law are "scurry" Mr. Settle because he would rule out the swindler from any further participation in matters concerning the State. Littlefield's *disparado* cost the State the sum of \$500,000. He has North Carolina and Florida bonds amounting to millions. On this stolen capital he could do the printing cheaper than any other office in the State, and pay Mr. Ashley and his brother-in-law a sufficient bonus to quiet their employes. He ought to do the printing gratis, if at all, but even if he were to undertake to do it for nothing, he would invade the State in some way by getting through the law.

THE HANGING POSTPONED.

One who heard the speech of "my son Joe" Metropolitan Hall, last week, reports that in his speech, that the Standard advocates a bill to punish members of a secret society, and that, if such a bill were passed, "I," said Joe, "will see that the Standard goes down the hill, and its editor will be made a martyr, six months in jail, and the 'King of the Ku Klux' will be hanged."

GRAHAM AND YANCEY TEMPTED OF THE DEVIL.

Readers of sacred history will remember that the Jews, for forty days, tempted the Savior after his return from the river Jordan into the wilderness. In the Book which immediately follows, much less impressively named, it is written, "And the devil taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, all this possession will I give thee, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou wilt worship me all shall be thine." The reply was, "get thee behind me, Satan."

Now, the application. Gov. Holden has been guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors; he has dishonored and ruined the credit, character and once high standing of the State, and has made war upon the persons and personal liberties of the citizens; and now the day of retribution is fast approaching. The devil, who with armed ruffians, spread consternation throughout two counties, making women and children weep and tremble for the fate of their husbands and fathers and brothers, now begins to tremble in turn. He fears retribution in the shape of impeachment, and of legal prosecution for his crimes.

Seeing the impending storm lowering over him, he seeks to avoid it, as if he were the original he-devil did in the case we have just referred to, and he is endeavoring to bribe his political adversaries and enemies. It is well known that he exercises a controlling influence in the appointment to every office, great or small, in the State. He offers to have Gov. Vance's disabilities removed and asks personal interviews with him; for what? to tempt and bribe him!

He is willing for, and is committed to the removal of Gov. Graham's disabilities for what? to tempt and bribe him! He tends to Dr. Murphy a position on one of the Boards of Public Charities; for what? to tempt and bribe him! One of his ex-private secretaries, said on the streets, before it was publicly known that the position had been offered to the Doctor, that he (the Doctor) would not vote for the Governor's impeachment. But the Doctor responded to the offer, "get the behind me, Satan."

Divers positions have been offered to divers Democrats and Conservatives, but have been declined, because it was well known to be for the purpose of conciliation and to counteract impeachment. Gov. Vance refused to see or be tempted by the devil, though he could give him his pardon and "the kingdoms of the earth" besides.

The verdict of the people in August was, that Holden's corruptions, power and oppression of the people shall cease, and his crimes be punished. The Democrat or Conservative who would not accept favor or place from him, would soon find his own place made vacant, and the frowns of an indignant people would rest upon him. Holden has, for a time been all powerful, and has used his power only for the oppression of the people and the ruin of the State; but to-day he is too poor, in political influence, to buy off by temptation and bribery, the just punishment of his crimes, and too low every way for any man to do him reverence without debasing himself.

ARREST OF A KUKLUX.

Alexander Ruffin, a poor deluded negro, has been for two weeks lying in Alamance jail. He was arrested by the Governor and prevailed to become one of his designated Ku Klux, to go into Orange County and join in the arrest of the editor of the Standard, the Grand Jury of Orange, at the last term, found a true bill against the Governor and his dupes, Alexander, under which the said Alexander has been arrested and lodged in jail, as stated.

The copies for the arrest of the Governor is now in the hands of Sheriff Lee, of Wake. The Sheriff seems to have learned from Marshal Carrow to be slow in executing the law in such cases; Holden has not yet been taken and held to bail, as he should have been. But the poor negro has not fared so well. The Governor was very kind to him in giving him a position in his State Troops to do an unlawful act of violence, but now the poor fellow is in jail the Governor and his Radical friends let him be there and refuse to give him bail, and get him out. The Governor ought to bail him out of jail and not abandon him to his fate, he has Col. Burgin, who has been in jail over since August. Even the eye of Albright, or his cousin the Clerk, ought to help Alexander out of jail, if the Governor won't.

The imprisonment of Alexander Ruffin, lost "my son Joe" three votes in Orange. A colored man, learning that the Governor had allowed Alexander to go to jail after persecuting him to join his army, declared that he would not vote for Joe, and two of his friends joined him in his course. This looked a little like visiting the sins of the father upon the son, but it was very natural. If Burgin and the negro Ruffin are to go to jail, why not the man whose orders they were obeying!

Legislature of North Carolina.

SENATE. SATURDAY, NOV. 30th, 1870. The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson of the City of Raleigh.

By Mr. Olds, Bill authorizing the transfer of the jurisdiction of bastardy trials, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson of the City of Raleigh.

By Mr. Moore, Bill relating to *Prudens and Allege*, allows Speakers of both Houses to have each and every member and Clerk \$3 per diem and 10 cents mileage, referred to the Committee on Finance and Fees.

By Mr. Moore, Bill to repeal an act regulating the manner of applying for pardons, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Jones, Bill to incorporate the Independent Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3 of Charlotte.

On his motion the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings. By Mr. Lehman, Bill to amend sec. 1, chap. 24th of acts of 65 and 66 establishing the rate of interest entitled usury, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Olds, Bill fixing the salary of Attorney General to \$3,400 payable monthly, referred to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. Linsay, Bill concerning punishments, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Gilmer, Bill to allow the transfer of certain cases pending on the Dockets of Courts of Equity, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Olds, Bill to provide for the appointment of an Inspector and weigher of flour and cotton for the city of Raleigh. (Authorizes the Board of City Commissioners to appoint.)

Mr. Olds asked for a suspension of the rules in order to put the bill through its several readings which was refused, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. By Mr. Jones, Bill relating to municipal elections; referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Love, Bill to repeal section 8, chapter 41 of an ordinance of the Convention of '68, which authorizes the Code Commissioners to contract with State Printer; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Love, Bill relating to Keeper of the Capitol; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Whitnaker, Bill to provide for the removal of certain suits, actions or causes, from one District to another; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. Moore of Craven, Bill to amend chapter 85, section 30 of the Revised Code, referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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