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CITY AND STATE ITEMS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1870.

THEO. N. RAMSAY, as Business Clerk, is authorized to make contracts and give receipts, &c., &c.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT.

Articles exhibited by the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina in the name of themselves and all the people of the State of North Carolina, against William W. Holden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in maintenance and support of their impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors in his said office.

ARTICLE I.

That by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the Governor of said State has power to call out the militia thereof, to execute the laws, suppress riots or insurrection, and repel invasion wherever the execution of the law shall be resisted, or there shall exist any riot, insurrection or invasion, but not otherwise; that William W. Holden, Governor of said State, unmindful of the high duties of his office, the obligation of his solemn oath of office, and the Constitution and laws of said State, and intending to stir up civil war and subvert personal and public liberty, and the Constitution and laws of said State, and of the United States, and contriving and intending to humiliate and degrade the said State and the people thereof, and especially the people of the county of Alamance, and to provoke the people to wrath and violence, did, under color of his said office, on the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and seventy, in said State, of his own false, corrupt and wicked mind and purpose, proclaim and declare that the county of Alamance is in said State, was in insurrection, and did after the days and times last aforesaid, and before the time of impeachment in this behalf, through and by means of armed, desperate and lawless men, arrest many peaceable and law-abiding citizens of said county of Caswell, then and there about their lawful business, and did detain, hold, imprison, and otherwise maltreat and injure many of them to-wit: John Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, William B. Bowe, Nathaniel M. Roan, Frank A. Wiley, Jesse C. Griffith, J. T. Mitchell, Thomas J. Womack, A. G. Yancey, John McKee, A. A. Mitchell, Yancy Jones, J. M. Neal, Barzillai Graves, Robert Roane, James R. Fowler, M. Z. Hooper, James C. Williamson, and Peter H. Williamson, when in fact and truth there was no such or any insurrection in said County of Caswell; and he, the said William W. Holden, Governor as aforesaid, well knew that such and said proclamation was utterly groundless and false, and that there was no insurrection in said County of Caswell, and that all the civil authorities, both State and County, in said county, were peacefully and regularly in the full, free and unrestrained exercise, in all respects, of the functions of their offices, and the Courts were all open, and the due administration of the law was unimpeded by any resistance whatsoever, whereby the said William W. Holden, Governor, as aforesaid, did, then and there, and in the way and manner, and by the means, aforesaid, commit and was guilty of a high crime in office against the Constitution and laws of said State, and the peace, interests and dignity thereof.

ARTICLE II.

That by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the Governor of said State has power to call out the militia thereof to execute the law, suppress riots, or insurrection, whenever the execution of the law shall be resisted, or there shall exist any riot, insurrection, or invasion, but not otherwise. That William W. Holden, Governor of said State, unmindful of the high duties of his office, the obligations of his solemn oath of office, and the Constitution and laws of said State, and intending to stir up civil war, and subvert personal and public liberty, and the Constitution and laws of said State and of the United States, and contriving and intending to humiliate and degrade the said State and the people thereof, and especially the people of the county of Caswell in said State, and to provoke the people to wrath and violence, did, under the color of his said offices, on the eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in said State, of his own false, corrupt and wicked mind and purpose, proclaim and declare the County of Caswell, in said State, in insurrection, and did, after the days and times last aforesaid, send bodies of armed, desperate and lawless men, organized and set on foot without authority of law, into the said county, and occupy the same by military force and supend civil authority, and the Constitution and laws of the State, and did, after the days and times last aforesaid, and before the time of impeachment in this behalf, through and by means of such armed, desperate and lawless men, arrest many peaceable and law-abiding citizens of said County of Caswell, then and there about their lawful business, and did detain, hold, imprison, and otherwise maltreat and injure many of them to-wit: John Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, William B. Bowe, Nathaniel M. Roan, Frank A. Wiley, Jesse C. Griffith, J. T. Mitchell, Thomas J. Womack, A. G. Yancey, John McKee, A. A. Mitchell, Yancy Jones, J. M. Neal, Barzillai Graves, Robert Roane, James R. Fowler, M. Z. Hooper, James C. Williamson, and Peter H. Williamson, when in fact and truth there was no such or any insurrection in said County of Caswell; and he, the said William W. Holden, Governor as aforesaid, well knew that such and said proclamation was utterly groundless and false, and that there was no insurrection in said County of Caswell, and that all the civil authorities, both State and County, in said county, were peacefully and regularly in the full, free and unrestrained exercise, in all respects, of the functions of their offices, and the courts were all open, and the due administration of the law was unimpeded by any resistance whatsoever, whereby the said William W. Holden, Governor as aforesaid, did then and there, and in the way and manner, and by the means aforesaid, commit and was guilty of a high crime in office against the Constitution and laws of said State, and the peace, interest, and dignity thereof.

ARTICLE III.

That the said William W. Holden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, on the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and and seventy in the county of Orange in said State, did then and there unlawfully and without any lawful warrant and authority, and in defiance and subversion of the constitution and laws of said State and in violation of his oath of office and under color of his said office, incite, procure, order and command one George W. Kirk, and one B. G. Burgen and other evil disposed persons to assault, seize, detain and imprison and deprive of their liberty and privileges as freemen and citizens of said State, John Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, Jesse C. Griffith, Frank A. Wiley, J. T. Mitchell, Thomas J. Womack, A. G. Yancey, John McKee, A. A. Mitchell, Yancy Jones, J. M. Neal, William B. Bowe, Barzillai Graves, Nathaniel M. Roane, Robert Roane, James R. Fowler, M. Z. Hooper, James C. Williamson and Peter H. Williamson, citizens and residents of the county of Caswell in the State aforesaid; and in pursuance of said incitement, procurement, order and command the said George W. Kirk and the said B. G. Burgen and the evil-disposed persons aforesaid, did assault, seize, detain, imprison and deprive of their liberty and privileges as free men and citizens of said county and State for a long time, to-wit: for the time of one month and more the said Jno. Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, William B. Bowe, and Nathaniel M. Roane, whereby the said William W. Holden, Governor as aforesaid, did then and there commit and was guilty of a high misdemeanor in office against the constitution and laws of said State, and the peace, interest and dignity thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

That the said William W. Holden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, on the first day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the county of Caswell in said State, did, then and there, unlawfully and without any lawful warrant and authority, and in defiance and subversion of the constitution and laws of said State and in violation of his oath of office and under color of his said office, incite, procure, order and command one George W. Kirk, and one B. G. Burgen and other evil disposed persons to assault, seize, detain and imprison and deprive of their liberty and privileges as freemen and citizens of said State, John Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, Jesse C. Griffith, Frank A. Wiley, J. T. Mitchell, Thomas J. Womack, A. G. Yancey, John McKee, A. A. Mitchell, Yancy Jones, J. M. Neal, William B. Bowe, Barzillai Graves, Nathaniel M. Roane, Robert Roane, James R. Fowler, M. Z. Hooper, James C. Williamson, and Peter H. Williamson, citizens and residents of the county of Caswell in the State aforesaid; and in pursuance of said incitement, procurement, order and command the said George W. Kirk and the said B. G. Burgen and the evil-disposed persons aforesaid, did assault, seize, detain, imprison and deprive of their liberty and privileges as free men and citizens of said county and State for a long time, to-wit: for the time of one month and more the said Jno. Kerr, Samuel P. Hill, William B. Bowe, and Nathaniel M. Roane, whereby the said William W. Holden, Governor as aforesaid, did then and there commit and was guilty of a high misdemeanor in office against the constitution and laws of said State, and the peace, interest and dignity thereof.

ARTICLE V.

That the said William W. Holden, Governor of the State of North Carolina heretofore to-wit: in the months of June, July and August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and seventy, under color of his said office unlawfully recruited, armed and equipped as soldiers a large number of men, to-wit: five hundred men and more and organized them as an army, and appointed officers to command, and use such armed men as he the said William W. Holden, Governor under color of his said office, unlawfully recruited, armed and equipped as soldiers,