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It has been said on the floor of the House that a ring prevails that the Board of Directors of the North Carolina suffered appropriated ten thousand dollars of the company's funds to sustain the Press. We are not prepared to believe it. We know there has been fraud practiced. The State has lost, which certain individuals have made money by the loss. A conspiracy was entered into last July to break up the meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of not holding a meeting so as to prevent the State being represented.

The conspiracy on the part of the stockholders to defeat the election of Directors at the meeting in July, who under the protection of fictitious signatures, assault the election officers, and others. And yet some actions they do assume the attention or consideration of influence, and then endeavor to and elected to suit their interests and let our property for the term of a million of more [illegible]

[illegible] made have been called forth to [illegible] the Senate and House of Representatives, in which appears the following communication. The writer, however, is now believed, giving a portion of an article in the SOUTHERNER last week upon the Legislature, says:

"No member can read this without being he has been stabbed in his own house. It is very indecorous, to say the least of it, for Mr. Biggs so to express himself after being defeated for office before the present legislature. As to members being fresh from school there are a few who are not much advanced in age or wisdom than Mr. Biggs. Since the young Corsican replied to the old Wat pole and young Napoleon defeated the old generals of Austria, Prussia and Russia, old age is not thought to be indispensable, either in the cabinet or the field. Many of the members of the legislature are the classmates of this Edgecombe sage, Mr. Biggs. They stood ahead of Mr. Biggs at college, they stood ahead of him in the army and they stand ahead of him to day in public estimation. If it is desired on the part of Mr. Biggs, we will institute a comparison between himself and his classmates in the senate and house of representatives. We are not disposed to say even sharp things of Mr. Biggs, for we incline to the opinion that he did not write the article we have quoted but is being [illegible] from home some old man in charge did it. I can't conceive of a young man making himself ridiculous by assailing young men of a their youth. Under the circumstances, therefore, we do not propose to shell Mr. Biggs. But simply to let him know what is thought of he uncalled for attack by a

MEMBER."

We will take it for granted that the individual who penned the above lines as a "Member" of the General Assembly of North Carolina is either a creditable one or not the public must judge; and, there fore, feel justified in trespassing upon the patience of our readers in giving him more notoriety than his merits could possibly deserve.

In the first place, we will distinctly inform "Member" that the editor of the *Southerner* wrote the article alluded to, and that he alone is responsible for it—also, that it was submitted to leading democrats of the county, who fully endorsed every word therein contained.

In that article, while freely admitting the honesty and integrity of the conservative members of the legislature, we, as an independent journalist, felt authorized to fairly criticise the the course of our representatives.

We mentioned three special acts in which we considered they had been overreached by their Radical opponents, and called them against permitting the same to be repeated, stating, that the people of North Carolina could not allow their best interests to be sacrificed by its ignorance of their legislators. A member [illegible] in his trade has only [illegible] such persons of no standing [illegible] purpose, and instead of attempting points raised, he contented himself with a battle of personal abuse unworthy a gentleman of the age.

Journalism has, indeed, reached a deplorable pass when an editor cannot examine and criticise the conduct of every party without being bespattered with disgusting personal vituperations. [illegible] means whereby we do not propose to become their own tools, or pander to [illegible]

The aforesaid member of the House will be found in the above report [illegible] lish of slavery.

If the charges were untrue why not attempt to disprove them in the same [illegible] spirit in which they were made?

But they were true and Member knows it, and he is the only one that has to resort to brick, their love but to be pursued along and hidden spite.

The press of legislation must not interfere with the duty we the people [illegible] to call our representatives to account, and [illegible] vants who may misuse or misrepresent us. Legislation is their vocation, the people and that the end of their existence.

Not content with the [illegible] the editor of the *Southerner* and [illegible] lesse worthy of notice [illegible] [illegible] the Senate [illegible] the people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]