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WM. E. PELL, Proprietor.
THE PROTEST OF GOV. WELLS.
His Letters to the President and Gen. Sheridan.
STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPT.
NEW ORLEANS, June 4, 1867.
To His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States.
In advance of communication by mail, I respectfully and earnestly protest against the act of Gen. Sheridan in removing me from office as a usurpation of power on his part, and to gratify a feeling of personal malice toward me because I dared to appeal from his unauthorized and arbitrary exercise of power in appointing a Levee Board.

You received my letter and I fully expected that you would be favourable to my removal. When, however, the time arrived for you to act in the appointment of registrars, and in the removal and appointment of officers, I discovered no disposition on your part to consult me in the slightest manner, which, as a loyal citizen, and especially acquainted with the people of the State, I did not think unreasonable in me to expect of you. I did not complain, however; my official intercourse with you was frequent, though about this time I saw published what purported to be an extract of a letter from you to the Secretary of War or General Grant, in which you asked for advice as to your power of removal, as it was probably you would find it necessary to remove me from office. I have seen no denial from you as to the authorship of that letter. Notwithstanding these repeated evidences of an unfriendly spirit on your part, I said nothing, and it was only when you assumed to nullify my appointment of a Levee Board and to substitute one of your own, which I think you had no authority under the law of Congress to do, that I referred the question of your right to appoint to the proper officers at Washington to decide. If to renege on your promise to the Levee Board, and to exercise of power by you, having no connection with the law of Congress, which specifically defines your duties as an "impediment" to the execution of the law, then your power is supreme, which, in my opinion, was never contemplated by the law of Congress. But, General, you are not content with charging me as an "impediment" to the execution of the law, as your sole reason for removing me from office. As if conscious that the charge was a mere invention of yours to afford a pretext for doing an act you had predetermined on to gratify an ancient grudge, you come down to your true forte, and pour out the vials of your wrath in a stream of abuse and scurrilousness on my devoted head. You will pardon me, General, for not initiating your example by your retaliation. My education has been such that I will not stoop to the level of a scold, and I am willing to leave the field to you as without an equal. I cannot forbear the remark, however, that when a Major General of the United States army has to play the part of a "bugler" in sounding in person his own honesty, it may well excite a curiosity in the community to surmise the cause thereof. As to your charge of appointing a Levee Board, if it is a crime, I would like to ask, General, if you are free from the same accusation. Out of a Levee Board composed of five members, one of your appointees was a member of the Secession Convention, and signed the ordinance of secession; another is not a citizen of the United States, but claimed the protection of the British flag at the arrival of Commodore Farragut and his fleet, and a third was a blockade runner, who was arrested and tried by a military commission. There is a trifle more, General, in this connection, which it would be well for you to remember in your future personal controversies. Equally faulty and unfortunate in point of memory is your insinuation that you could not find me on the day of the riot, when I called at your office on my way to Mechanics Institute, and talked over the matter with you. I did not call on you for a guard, because one had been furnished me by General Blair.

Having disposed of your misstatements concerning me, and defended myself from what I conceive to be a wanton and malicious attack on my character on your part, I leave the public to judge between us. It is with no pleasure I have been forced into this controversy. My desire was to hold the most amicable relations with you officially, but to submit to your arbitrary exercise of power, and your assertions on my character, would be to prove false to my official trust, and to admit the truth of your slanders.

And now I call on you to make good your assertion of dishonesty as charged against me, if you expect to avoid the verdict of the people, which is always meted out to the calumniator and slanderer.

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