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THE SENTINEL.



WILL THE LEGISLATURE HOLD
OVER FOR FOUR YEARS?

For the Sentinel,

A REPUBLICAN.

Whatever may have been the crimes of the first Charles, (and I believe the people had a right to condemn him,) the Rump Parliament, consisting of about forty members, after the expulsion of the majority at the point of the bayonet, had no right to behead him. Thirteen years later they were brought to trial, condemned and executed for their crimes; and their plan, that they acted with the authority of the Parliament availed them nothing. The court held that the usurpation of the Parliament was of itself treason; and subsequently it was held that the Parliament was dissolved by the death of the King, and that all its acts thereafter were acts of usurpation, without reference to the treason of the members who voted for the decapitation of the King.

In like manner, in this state, any attempt of a legislative body to hold over beyond the constitutional limit of two years, would be usurpation and treason.

Yours,

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For the Sentinel,

APPEAL OF THE "WAKE MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION."

Armed by a spirit and a living thought, the ladies of Raleigh, on the 10th day of May, 1866,—the third anniversary of the day that closed the grand life of Stonewall Jackson,—formed themselves into the patriotic Sisterhood, known as the "Wake Memorial Association." The designation bespeaks our object,—a determination to collect all that was mortal of such of our Southern heroes, who fell or died during the civil war, as were sleeping in unmarked and widely-scattered graves in and around our city, into one consecrated spot, which it should be our constant care to beautify and adorn.

Section 3-d, of Article II, is in these words: "The Senate shall be composed of five Senators biennially chosen by ballot." Section VI, is as follows:

"The House of Representatives shall be composed of one hundred and twenty Rep. representatives, biennially chosen by ballot, &c."

The 20th section is as follows:

"The election for members of the General Assembly shall be held, for the respective districts, and counties, at the places where they are now held, or may be directed hereafter to be held, in such manner as may be prescribed by law, on the first Thursday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and every two years thereafter. But the General Assembly may change the time of holding the election.—The first election shall be held when the vote shall be taken on the ratification of this constitution by the voters of the State, and the General Assembly, then elected, shall meet on the fifteenth day after the approval thereof by the Congress of the United States, if it fall not on a Sunday, but it shall so fall, then on the next day thereafter, and the members thus elected shall hold their seats until their successors are elected at a regular election."

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The framers of our Constitution will not be regarded as masters of style in composition, but it is due to them, to say, that, in this instance at least, they have made themselves well understood. I undertake to say that honest minds can have no two opinions in the premises, and that it will be a dangerous experiment for the present legislators to attempt to legislate longer than the two years and three or four months for which they were elected.

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