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ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Conservative members of the Legislature have issued an address to the people of North Carolina, which appears in the Standard to-day.

We have twenty thousand copies of this Address for distribution among the people. We believe it speaks the sentiments and views of every Conservative man in the State.

It is just and encouraging to the colored race, who are now beginning to find out that it is the Conservative white men who are most willing and able to help them in the ways and means of making a living, as well as in building Churches and establishing schools. Let the address be circulated. We commend it to the people of the State as an able, dignified and temperate State paper, worthy of the men who sign it and the people who are to read it.

GENERAL CLINGMAN DENOUNCED.

Sometime ago Moore, of Yancey, not Graves, rose to a question of privilege and denounced General Clingman as a scoundrel. Moore did not know that Littlefield, for six months past, has had the General in keeping, or he would not have denounced him as he did.

Littlefield announced, four months ago, that Gen. Clingman would have his disabilities removed and be a candidate for Congress. Littlefield electioneered for the removal of the General's disabilities upon the ground that he was a Republican, or would co-operate with the party. We hear that the General, not satisfied with the late address, has left another address, letter, or paper for publication.

The General's address fell still-born from the *Standard* press, and has utterly failed to sow the intended seeds of discontent among the people. The General is like Holden and the devil; when he sets his head on mischief he is sure to do some thing. We think old age and that decrepitude which belongs to years, together with the distrust with which the people look upon him, will prevent his doing much mischief. We don't think, so long as the General's Fox letter stands against him, he will ever exercise much influence in North Carolina. If Governor Holden wishes to make much use of the General, he should make him recant his Fox letter and renounce his old ideas of government, namely, that government was only a copartnership, such as merchants enter into for the sale of pepper, coffee and calico, and to be dissolved when any one of the copartners got drunk, lazy, or tired of the firm. We say, the Governor must make the General correct these old false notions of government, before he can make him useful, or cause to make him odious to the people of the State.

A suppression of the truth is equivalent to a falsehood, and therefore we must not omit the fact that Moore denounced the Editor of the Sentinel at the same time he did General Clingman. He denounced the editor as a "liar" because he called him (Moore) a deserter.

Moore's account of himself is, that he served as a volunteer for some months in the Confederate army, he then moved, or deserted, to Tennessee, and served as a volunteer in the Federal army. We rarely thought this made him a deserter, and we are willing to leave it to the Governor's son in law, Lewis, the Attorney General, to say if it is not so.

Now that Mrs. Oates and her troupe are gone, and the Legislature soon will be, we shall endeavor to increase and diversify the amusement of the city by asking Gen. Clingman a few questions in behalf of the "ring" what he got for lobbying bills through, per ton, and why he did not, as a Railroad Director, call on Sweepson and pass him to a settlement at the last annual meeting, when Littlefield was elected by Sweepson's ghost!

The General must give an account of his "ring" transactions to the people before he undertakes to instruct them in loyalty and Holdenism.

The Examiner says the only way under heaven to settle the depredations in the mountain counties is to have an understanding between the King of the Ku Klux, and the President of the League. The Standard says, very well give us the name of the King of the Ku Klux, and we will give you the name of the President of the League. And the Examiner stepped—didn't venture nine. Thus endeth that chapter.—*Yadkin Times.*

Now, that is too bad! While we are busy and engaged in battling against the lost cause of the *Standard*, to have the Star depict the Union gulping at us, is unfeeling in the extreme. Won't somebody save us!

THAT WEEKLY.—The Asheville Pioneer has come out as a semi-Weekly, in consequence of its encouragement it has received and its great desire to promote the interest of Radicalism. We are sorry to see this change as we admired its courage to print facts, for in the first issue it declared that "all months ago the Democrats were prophesying that Holden and Caldwell were in their party," which is correct. It was the Rutherford *Star* which gave Holden his last change, indeed Holden and Caldwell changed, but the Democracy stood still and kept to their principles.

ADDRESS
TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The undersigned Conservative members of the General Assembly, upon the eve of their return to you, beg leave to suggest a few matters for your considération, believing, as they do, that they bear directly upon the welfare of the State. We have a great struggle before us in the approaching August election, a struggle with a foe before whose massed columns our banner has twice gone down. What disasters to the State have followed these defeats, we will not stop to recount here; the story is but too familiar to you, we but desire to advise you to that course which seems best to us, for ridding our State forever from the calamitous rule of the Radical party.—This Radical party, in the General Assembly, have been, at last, though reluctantly, forced, by the potent voice of public opinion, to grant, what the State Constitution, rightly construed, already secured to you: a popular election on the first Thursday in August next. Esteeming the free exercise of the ballot as they do, one of the most sacred rights of freemen, all of our people, without regard to party, condition or color, will receive the announcement with pleasure. The right of the people to rigidly scrutinize the acts of their Representatives, and to correct all abuses of power by the peaceful remedy of the ballot box, is one which freemen should never indifferently exercise or tamely surrender. The election in August next, although confined to the choice of members of Congress, members of the next General Assembly, the various county officers and an Attorney General, is one of sufficient importance to call out every voter, and to actively enlist the energies and time of every lover of the State.

The dominant party are organizing thoroughly for the approaching campaign, and you imperil every important interest of the State if you flatter yourselves with the hope that it will surrender the government without a desperate struggle. We feel confident that an equally zealous and determined effort on the part of the Conservative people of the State, will insure them a thrice glorious victory in August next.—But to achieve it, they must be united and thoroughly harmonious. In the presence of a determined enemy we cannot afford to divide among ourselves. The past glories or defeats of old political organizations should be among the things of the past. In the battle we are about to join against Radicalism, reckless extravagance, corruption, swindling, imbecility and partisan tyranny, why should we stop to enquire whether our leaders were in the past, Whigs, Democrats, Unionists or secessionists, so they but lead us to victory and save us from a defeat, the result of which would be nothing less than absolute ruin to the State? That man who now attempts to exhume the buried past, to revive the prejudices born of issues long since dead, and which *ought* to be forgotten, will, intentionally or unintentionally, contribute to the strength of our common enemy. Let the bickerings of the past be hushed; let us rise above the dwarfed idea that would lead us to enquire what a man's politics were in the past; let us but ask, is he an opponent of Radicalism, is he honest, is he competent? Upon this broad and elevated platform you can invite the good of all parties and races to join you against that party, which has levied and collected taxes, without stint, with one hand and scattered them with still more extravagance with the other; that has introduced into our Halls of Legislation, corruption hitherto unheard of there; that has elevated to positions of trust and profit, men wholly unworthy of confidence, that has altered and confused our laws until the administration of justice has become costly, and its attainment uncertain; that has sought to subordinate the civil administration to military power by proclamation of martial law and petitions to Congress for the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*; that has more than doubled the current expenses of the State Government; that has enormously increased the State debt; that has ruined the credit of the State; that has cast a foul blot upon her hitherto fair escutcheon, and that for want of statesmanship, and for utter disregard of the necessities of the people, is without a parallel in the history of this or any other State. With such a cause as ours, against such a party, the undivided ranks of conservatism must prevail.

In the last contest in this State, the principal issue was upon the question of colored suffrage and the civil rights of the colored race. That matter has been decided, upon a solemn appeal, by the people of the United States. The guarantee of their rights, has now become a part of the Constitution. To that Constitution we have ever been willing to defer, to the laws made in pursuance of it, we yield, and ever have yielded a ready obedience.

The reconstruction acts of Congress, with the civil and political rights they confer on the colored race, we regard as a finality. We accept them in good faith. We are one of the States of the Union. Let us seek to forget the bitterness of the past, to build up the places made waste by the unfortunate war, and to promote the harmony and prosperity of all sections of our great country.

The colored man now enjoys the same political and civil rights as the white man. We accept his status as fixed by the Constitution of this State and the United States in good faith. We regard it as a final settlement of the question. It now becomes our duty as good citizens to elevate him morally and intellectually.

The Chief Magistrate of this State, the head and front of Radicalism, has seen fit to declare one of our counties in a state of insurrection, and to call upon Congress to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* throughout the State. We declare there is no sufficient cause for this extraordinary action of Governor Holden. There is and has been no armed resistance. No uprising of the people. No outbreaks to disturb or hinder the full administration of the civil law. We assert that there is not a county in the State, in which any Sheriff or other peace officer may not go unattended, and with perfect safety, and execute any process upon any citizen of the State. It is true that murders and other outrages have been committed, but they have not been confined to any particular locality, or any political party, and when Gov. Holden represents to the President and to Congress that these acts are evidences of disloyalty, he is guilty of a wilful libel upon a people, whose rights he has sworn to protect. When he seeks to convince the Federal authorities that these violators of the law, receive aid, countenance, or encouragement from the Conservative party of the State, he knows that his allegations are unfounded, and that he perpetrates a great wickedness, purely in the interest of a political party. He hopes by magnifying these outrages, by giving them the appearance of disloyalty on the part of our people, to procure the aid of Federal troops in sustaining them in the next election. And he further hopes to wreak vengeance on his political opponents through the agency of unconstitutional laws by bayonets. Surely there never was an honest statesman of a people by their Chief Executive officer. Who denounces them over and over and by whose proclamation and the proclamation of his Attorney General, the people of the State are declared to be