# THE SENTINEL.

JOSIAH TURNER, JR., EDITOR

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TO THE FRIENDS OF THE SENTINEL.

It is absolutely necessary that the SENTINEL office shall be refurnished with new material and fixtures, within ten months. We are anxious to improve the SENTINEL, vastly, and to furnish the office at once with a complete outfit of job type. We will attempt to do this, unless our friends unite at once to help us. The most that has been made by the office since Mr. Turner's connection with it, is now due on our books, for subscription and advertising.—This amount is large—very large. It therefore, those who owe the office will forthwith forward the amount due, and if our friends in every county will send us a good list of new subscribers with the cash, (for we cannot publish a paper longer on the credit system,) we shall be able to accomplish our object, but without this kind of help we cannot. Mr. Turner is yet in the hands of Kirk. We cannot communicate with him or he with us, but knowing the necessities of the office, we make the above appeal to the friends of the SENTINEL. We hope every friend will move at once in the matter.

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## TREATMENT OF MR. TURNER.

We make the following extracts from a letter from Yanceyville, which will throw some light on the manner in which "*free American citizens*," are treated, who have been seized without law and kept imprisoned in defiance of law, to gratify the petty personal malignity of a would be dictator.

"There is not much to put in a letter from here the monotony is varied occasionally by the drilling of Kirk's lambs," and at other times by their raids on the neighboring cock-fields. Kirk tells gentlemen whom he has not sufficiently insulted to accost their speaking to him, that Holden sends him no orders, he *gits* no answers to his telegrams.

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"I go down every Sunday to wave my hat to the Alamance boys, get a sight of the top of Mr. Turner's head, which is about as near an approach to him as is allowed. Occasionally one of the "lambs" commits an assault on a U. S. soldier by throwing stones, the Black Mountain Boys of Gen. Martin's pike brigade, "reckon in my regiment."

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"We are all trying to guess what Tod Caldwell is here for. He came and put up at the house of his negro friend, and after being closeted with Kirk some time, left. His appearance and disappearance were alike mysterious.

If Alamance and Caswell are in a state of insurrection, how does Turner to pass through the county with his wife, and return without a guard?"

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"This forenoon Mrs. Turner went down to look at her husband through the window and have a few words with him, but he was not allowed to come to the window.—He waved his hand and shook his head to indicate to her that he was not allowed to see or speak to her. "O Liberty! how many crimes are committed in thy name!"

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Mrs. Turner has not yet given way once, but keeps up bravely. Last night hearing her father say that three armed men were coming toward the place where they heard her voice, the pistols struck all round her, but fortunately did not strike her."

The writer of the letter from which these extracts are taken, is fully cognizant of the facts and knows the names. Let the people bear in mind these things, that these are the men whose proceeding or Holden and his

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Marion Hunt *at Hillsboro.*—We have seen this man quite busy about this city a week or two ago, but did not acquire his business. The Richmond *Journal of Commerce* says he is the brother of Agent of the Treasury, Collector of Internal Revenue, Justice of the Peace of Township No. 6 in Orange, Brigadier General of Militia, notable and Regents Commissary with the rank of Major of the State troops while Kirk did Chatta. It says that he has been suspended as Sheriff, and Freasurer, and resigned his commission as Brigadier rather than obey an order issued by Gov. Holden, commanding him to disband his troops. It was thought that Chapter by the legislature of 1868-'9 would have restored a number of the good officers and respectable Conservatives of Alamance, many of whom were assassinated by these desperadoes and reported by them to have been shot on resisting their escape. Such we are told, publicly and unblushingly recommended to the COUNCIL THAT HOLDEN SHOULD ORGANIZE AN ARMY A BAND OF DESPERADOES LIKE THESE, AND PUT AT THEIR HEAD A NOTORIOUS PIRATE, WHOM HE NAMED, WHO SHOULD ARREST SUCH MEN as Hon. Josiah Turner, Jr., Gov. Graham, Gov. Bragg, Gov. Vance and others, and should LOCK THEM, HEATHEN BY TRAIN OF STEAM, THROUGH THE STATE.

Malicious and violent as the members of this caucus were, this Satanic scheme of Pool's we are told, was too much for their nerves or their scruples. The conspirators shunk from so hazardous and vile a proposition. It was then that the programme which Holden and Kirk have since carried out was adopted. But there were several things necessary to carry it out. First, by the aid of Tourgee and others a long list of infamous outrages by Ku Klux must be made out. President Grant's mind and the minds of the Northern people must be inflamed by private conversations and the publication of these outrages. John Pool was ready to start the ball and procured the publication of this list of Ku Klux outrages in Forney's Washington *Chronicle* and other Northern papers. Holden, Pool, Abbott, and Judge Settle, were to convince President Grant that these outrageous crimes had actually been committed by Ku Klux, meaning Conservatives and Democrats, that this Klan extended all over the State, was composed of the soldiers of the late Confederate army, who were armed and still in rebellion against the government, and were resolved to overturn the reconstructed government of North Carolina, all which was a base, unmitigated falsehood, and that the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, fully authorized the Governor to raise the necessary military force to put them down.

It is understood that the scheme succeeded with President Grant, and that he pledged his warmest support to Holden *in executing the laws*. Hence when called on he promptly sent U. S. troops into the State, accompanied however with the order "to aid the civil authorities in enforcing the law." The history of the progress of this conspiracy against the peace of the State to the present time, is already known to our readers.

## CHIEF JUSTICE PEARSON.

It is with no pleasure that we feel called upon to say of this dignitary, that the opinion has been growing up and is now almost universal, that in the late *habeas corpus* cases before him, he was acting secretly in complicity with Holden, and that they understood each other perfectly.

His addressing a letter to Governor Holden when Kirk refused to make any return and thus getting him to intervene in the case—his suggestion (though deciding that the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* was not suspended,) that the Governor might take upon himself the responsibility of acting on the extreme principle, "the safety of the State is the supreme law"—his declaring in advance in his third written proposition for discussion by counsel, that it was in his "opinion *certain*, that an order to the Sheriff of a county to call out 'the power of the county,' and with force take the petitioners out of the hands of the military authorities will plunge the whole State into civil war,"—his fling at the counsel of the prisoners,—his saying, the motion to attach Kirk was made "at the instance of one who is under arrest for the horrid crime of murder and midnight assassination," when no such charge had been made before him or ever has been made in any tangible shape by anybody—his refusing to enforce the provisions of the *habeas corpus* act, but contenting himself with merely making known to the Governor, through the Marshal of the Supreme Court, that he had re-issued the writs, when he knew well that the Governor would not obey them—his final shrewd decision that every man, woman and child in Alamance county, were legally in a state of insurrection, and that there could be no "power of the county" to call out and no way therefore to execute the writs,—his allowing Holden from day to day, by his organ the *Standard*, and in every other possible manner to hold out and declare to the public, that he and the Judge were in perfect accord—that he was sustained by the Judge in refusing obedience to the writs—and when that matter was potentially brought to his attention by counsel and he was asked to put it right, he in his short opinion, abstracting all his power as a Judge, failed to take any notice whatever of the fact that he was so held up as sustaining the Governor and thus allowed it to go out to the public as true—all, all these things and many others that could be mentioned, had tended far to cause the general belief that the Judge, from partizan feelings, or for some other cause, begs to be excused, had not only failed to do his duty, but was actually in complicity with Holden in his fraudulent conduct from the first to the last.

If any further evidence were wanting to establish that such was the fact, we give the following extracts from a letter from Rocky, the correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, who, it seems, interviewed Judges Pearson, Dick and Settle, at their boarding house in Raleigh; and who dates his letter from Raleigh, July 31. The letter may be seen in the Weekly *Tribune* of the 3rd August.

After saying a good deal, from which it would seem that the judicial worthies treated the credulous correspondent to a full dish of Ku Klux horror, he says as follows of Judge Pearson:

"Was gratified to find that the Judge was in entire accord with Governor Holden in his course. He laughed good humoredly at the apparent discrepancy in the matter of the writ of *habeas corpus*, and remarked that action is a matter of form, and that the Governor's in refusing to allow the writ except a matter of necessity. In spite of the gold controversy between the two, they are agreed entirely as to the course which is necessary to be pursued, and arrogance terms of the most intimate friendship."

Comment upon the above is unnecessary. Henceforth Judge Pearson's name goes down to posterity with those of the infamous and corrupt Judges, whose names have become a by word and a reproach. He is the first of a long line of infamous North Carolina Judges who has so prostituted himself. Let us hope that he will be the last. What a melancholy contrast does his conduct present to that of Judge Brooks under like circumstances!

## THE LAST RUMOR.

The persons arrested by Kirk were brought to Company Shops on that evening. Judge Brooks who was compelled to be at Morganton to day, to hold his Court, had previously ordered that they should be brought before him on Thursday next. It is now rumored, that they have been brought to Company Shops and that Chief Justice Pearson has been sent for, to come to this city before Thursday, and have them brought before him. We doubt if Judge Pearson will be guilty of such a deed. He has declared officially that the Court had exhausted its powers and had fallen to execute the HABEAS CORPUS. The writs therefore became null, and we judge that those writs cannot be revived. Judge Brooks moreover will not submit to any interference of Chief Justice Pearson or any other State Judge, at this juncture. The writ of HABEAS CORPUS has been scouted and ignored by Holden and Judge Pearson's action, and the Constitution of the United States has been grossly violated by Holden and Kirk, and Judge Brooks will do his duty in the premises.

THE YANCEYVILLE PRISONERS.—We received the following dispatch from Mr. Turner, dated at Company Shops, last night:

"All the prisoners are here from Yanceyville; I am lying under a tree, wet and fatigued from travel."

We venture upon no comment on this telegram, but will only say that this indignity is simply the result of personal malignity without any foundation whatever; for, whoever says that Josiah Turner, Jr. ever belonged to or encouraged the Ku Klux, White Brotherhood, Invisible Empire, or any other secret political organization, is a liar and the truth is not in him.

The people have given a pretty strong intimation of their views in regard to these diabolical outrages on innocent citizens, but the end is not yet; the perpetrators will be held to a still further and more strict accountability, all according to law.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

If ever the *Post's* cockerel had reason to crow loudly and lustily it was assuredly, upon receiving the news from North Carolina. The Conservative victory there last week is one of the most brilliant and important ever fulletined. It was a gallant and successful marshalling of strength, a sort of masked battery, that held its fire until the right moment and then blazed all along the line, doing its work with a thoroughness that leaves the result entirely unequivocal. The record of triumphs is full. Congressional districts, United States Senator, Legislature, Attorney Generalship—all are secured. Hardly a solitary vantage spot is shown on the fruit of the Holden delusion which has detained, outraged and humiliated the State. The tottering of citizens, the intimidation by means of negro troops, the annihilation of private rights, the money influence and appliances of every kind used to extort a different political sentiment have proved ineffectual. The bloody resistance so ardently desired was not manifested. Peace and safety, save the arbitrary and violent acts of the constituted authorities themselves, have been everywhere maintained. But there has not been inaction all this time. Conservatives fully understood the plan of proceeding and adhered to it, although making no outward demonstration that could possibly justify the oppressive Grant-Holden coercive measures. The day of election, however, found a force united, ready and demonstrative enough to more than satisfy their antagonists.

There is a Providence that frustrates the most atrocious of the Radical designs to the country's salvation. They believed they had the "twist" on North Carolina this time. Holden, with his negro militia, Grant backing him with United States troops, the judiciary trampled under foot and whole counties declared in a state of open rebellion; but the true people of that brave old State revolved at such commonwealth liberty and their vote overwhelmed those wicked machinations in ruin. Holden and his supporters are indignantly repudiated. The whole plot is blown to the moon. Negro equality is declared not to be negro supremacy. The triumph is reassuring, because it indicates with truth the real temper of the Southern people and reveals their intentions. It has proved them patient and even silent under the grossest outrages ever put upon freemen. They have this protest was unavailing, when but a single Northern journal of the ruling party in Congress raised its voice against the indignity. But they trusted to the fatal supremacy of justice and truth, and they are not disappointed. If there is any revolt at all in North Carolina, it is Holden that contemplates it, with Kirk for his lieutenant.—*Boston Post.*

HOLDEN DISCOVERS ABOUT the election in NORTH CAROLINA about two weeks here daily upon the crumbling brink of a volcano. So at least says the gubernatorial organ, the Raleigh *Standard*. Seeing the extent of the Conservative victory in the Old North State, it is not at all surprising that the ground is crumbling under some folk's feet. A Conservative Legislature may ask some knotty questions as to the powers of any State Executive to subsist an army and make war on the people he is sworn to respect, and the North will not very much care to what an extent so reasonable an interrogatory be pushed. The country is sick of violence, and will not look unkindly on any action tending to discourage further appeals to arms. By levying troops to interfere with the peaceable exercise of the ballot Governor Holden has rendered himself amenable to the Enforcement Act, and unless he forthwith disbands his ragamuffins that existence made to our race a slight to be found to possess an edge in the other.—*N Y World.*

UNLAWFUL ARREST.—We learn from the Raleigh SENTINEL that the Editor of that paper was arrested by the military on Thursday last at Hillsboro. We presume such threats to unlawful and to be resisted at the rights of a free citizen. But the arrest of an Editor, under such circumstances always redounds to his benefit rather than injury, for the people will certainly disapprove of the course of the authorities in arresting any citizen without civil process, and more especially a newspaper publisher. —*Charlotte Democrat.*

## THE POLITICAL PROSPECT.

The late election in North Carolina is one of the happiest events since the war. Virginia set the example which the Old North State followed; but the North Carolinians have afforded a single example of firmness of soul in the forbearance and self-control which they have maintained amidst circumstances calculated in the last degree to inflame the public mind and drive the people to violent resistance to their oppressors.

The whole South will fall under the influence of this brilliant example, and be cheered by its grand results. The rule of rascally carpet baggers is broken, and so will the low and obscene guard politicians who have been seeking that elevation to office from the colored race, which they know their demerits deprive them of amongst the whites, be beaten and dispirited, and finally, cowering beneath the just rebuke of a virtuous public indignation, seek refuge in obscurity.

These persons have had no hope but in the uneducated and deceived colored voters. Their whole plan of reaching power rested upon the ruin of the country—the prostration of the public confidence and energies, and the destruction of every branch of industry. The State could not prosper under the rule of the incompetent and dishonest men who trusted altogether to negro votes for their election to office.

It is a grand result for the whole country, north and south, which breaks the power of such men—whose only hope was in sowing dissensions in society and engulfing all the public interests in the sea of misgovernment.

All the people should be cheered to continue their noble combination without party distinctions or impertinent issues that could only bring discord upon their councils. The welfare of society, the peace of the State, the very safety of the women and children, demand this union and harmony. The salvation of the South rests upon this noble combination of all good people for the good of all.

The elevated example of the North Carolinians should everywhere be emulated. Their stoicism under outrage, their grand victory over themselves in their self control, will bring out every State from the wilderness of wretchedness and despair to the broad sunlight of peace and security.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

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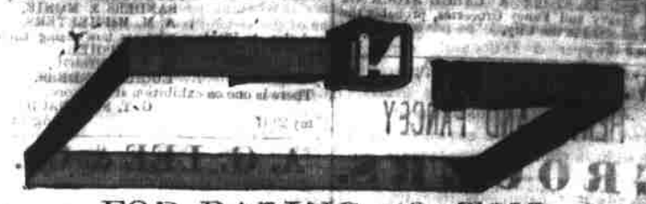

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