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adyocate of the prineciple untili it was
suggested in conversation with some suggested in conversation with some
wellinformed brethren, and in reading the artules of our R. W. Brothers Cof-
finsburgh, of Michigan, and Albert Pike, of Arkansas, and other articles which
have appeared from time to time in the have appeared from time to time in the
columns of the "Square and Compass," on the benign influenees of Masonry, and the powerful lever it was for promoting
peace, harmony and goo-will amongt
men. The conviction then fastened itself on my mind with renewed energy, that
in the United States the in the United States the Masons, as a
body, do not practice one of the four cardinal virtues which are held so promi-
neantly up to the view of all candidates
for for our honors, viz: "Justrice,"
We teach the newly initated that
"justice, is that boundry or stend right which emables us to render unto
every man his just dnes, withoutd distinction. Yet, in the face of this teaching,
there are thousand of men who hhve taken upon themselves the same vows,
are bound by the same ties, and have


opinion?" And what are the teachings
of the first of the three tenets of our pro-
fersion, Ms Masons Why , wat "broth-
erly love teaches us to regard the whole
human species as one family, who, as
created by one Almighty Parent, are to



hold the following points to be beyond
dispute:
1st. That man in his original state is
freeborn.
2d. That our Supreme Grand Master
never ordained any race of men to bear
the eternal curse of slavery. 3. That if by force of might one race
compels another to serve them, that the
chilidren born while the parents are in
that state of forced subjection, possess the



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| [For the New Bern Iepublican.] Masomio. <br> AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE. <br> BY J. O. WHITTEMORE, <br> Mr. Editor:-I am well aware that the sentiments expressed in the following communication will meet with opposition from many, and ridicule from some; but if you will allow it a space in your columns I will endeavor to do battle for my position on the broad field of Masonic principles. It is a subject that has been on my mind for years, I have studied it |
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our Fraternity.
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Let his take a bird's-eye view of our
the bistory. We have no record that at
the the Temple King Sold
mon made any such demple Kistingtion, or solo-
the black
count of are those of Prince Edwin,
England, dated A. D., 26 , wherein
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hind as one of the estabished prereq
sites to a man becoming a Mason w
that he must be freeborn. What was th
state of society at that time? for that
state of society at that time? for that has
much to do with the word, and also
whether it has any right in our constitu-
tion. By the light of history we discover
tion. By the light of history we discover
that there were but two classes viz: The
landed proprietors, the majority of whom
become so by the right of conquest, and
the laborers or serfs,
ed, who were held in they were term-
strong strong arm of power-were deprived of
all political rights-were not admitted,
except in extraordinary cases, even to the
lower lower order of nobility; and who were, in
fact, heepers of wood and drawers oo
water for their conquerors; and as edu-


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