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Highly important to the cause of  
Covenants of the Constitution.  
We copy from the Raleigh News  
of the 15th of this month the fol-  
lowing article. The News is one of  
the leading organs of the Demo-  
cratic party of this State:

THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.  
The nine questions that stand  
before the people are these:  
1. Was Holden's suspension of the  
will of the Legislature  
2. Was the unconstitutional  
3. Can Congress confer the right of  
suffrage?  
4. Was the Louisiana outrage con-  
stitutional?  
5. Was Judge Settle not elected  
the Supreme bench by fraud?  
6. Does Judge Settle approve Grant's  
administration?  
7. Does he approve the civil rights  
bill?  
8. Was desertion from the army  
right?  
9. The above questions may be truly  
said to embody the platform of the  
Democratic party of North Caro-  
lina. We do not copy them at this  
time to answer the questions pro-  
pounded, which could be easily  
done, and which Judge Settle tri-  
umphantly does whenever he meets  
Gov. Vance, but to show that Vance  
occupies the very same ground occu-  
pied by his party in 1868.

When Gov. Holden was elected  
Governor under the reconstruction  
act in 1868, and when he entered  
the Executive office on the 4th of  
July of that year to assume the  
duties of his office, the following  
Protest was handed him by Jonathan  
Worth, the then Governor. Gov.  
Holden received it courteously, and  
caused it to be recorded in the Ex-  
ecutive office:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
Executive Department,  
Raleigh, July 1, 1868,  
GOVERNOR W. W. HOLDEN,  
Raleigh, N. C.  
SIR: Yesterday morning I was  
verbally notified by Chief Justice Pearson that in obedience to a telegram from  
General Canby, he would to-day at 10  
a. m. administer to you the oath re-  
quired preliminary to your entering  
upon the discharge of the duties of civil  
governor of the State, and that there-  
upon you were to take the oath of office.  
I anticipated to the judge my  
opinion that such proceeding was pre-  
judicial, even under the reconstruction  
legislation of Congress, and that I should  
probably decline to surrender the office  
to you.

"At sundown yesterday evening I re-  
ceived from Colonel Williams, com-  
mandant of this military post, an ex-  
tract from Gen'l orders, No. 129, of  
General Canby, as follows: General  
orders, No. 129.  
(Extract.)  
HEADQUARTERS, SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT,  
Charleston, S. C., June 30, 1868.  
To the organization of the following  
new State government made to be governor  
of North Carolina, W. W. Holden,  
governor elect, vice Jonathan Worth,  
removed; to be lieutenant governor,  
North Carolina, R. Caldwell, lieu-  
tenant governor elect, to fill an original  
vacancy, to take effect, July 1, 1868, on  
the meeting of the general assembly of  
North Carolina.

"I do not recognize the validity of  
the late election under which you and  
those operating with you claim to be  
proceeding without the sanction of the  
people of the State. You have no evidence  
of your election save the certificate of a  
major general of the United States  
commanding the military power of the  
United States, and not as deriving  
your powers from the consent of those  
whom you claim to govern, but  
because they are backed by military  
force here, which I could not resist if I  
would, I do not deem it necessary to  
enter a futile objection, but vacate the  
office without the ceremony of actual  
oath-taking, offering no further opposition  
than this, my protest. I would submit  
to act as an exhibition, in order to  
before the supreme court of the  
United States the question as to the  
constitutionality of the legislation under  
which you claim to be the rightful  
governor of the State, if the past action  
that tribunal furnished any hope of a  
speedy trial. I surrender the office  
to you under what I deem a just  
address, without objection, as those  
who would well justify, to comment  
upon the singular coincidence that the  
present State government is succeeding  
to him whose official sanction but three  
years ago declared it valid.

"I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
JONATHAN WORTH,  
Governor of North Carolina.

Gov. Worth did not recognize  
the validity of the election held  
under the reconstruction acts, and  
denied in earnest terms the binding  
nature of the reconstruction acts,  
Gov. Vance, by the above questions  
which he puts to Judge Settle,  
takes the identical ground occu-  
pied by Gov. Worth in 1868; and  
he declares that Judge Settle was  
elected by fraud, because, in 1868,  
he was elected under these same  
reconstruction acts.

We have not the space to day to  
pursue the subject further, but we  
shall take it up to-morrow. Mean-  
while we call the attention of our  
readers, and especially our North-  
ern readers, to these extraordinary  
positions occupied by Gov. Vance.  
If our statements are not credited,  
let Northern parties write to Ra-  
leigh for copies of the News contain-  
ing the extract we have made.

The following Proclamation issued  
by Gov. Holden in October,  
1868, contains a conclusive argu-

ment to show that the present gov-  
ernment of this State was constitu-  
tionally established under the re-  
construction acts, and that the  
desire to prevent the election of  
the Democratic party of this State  
is a violation of the Constitution.  
A PROCLAMATION  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
RALEIGH, October 1, 1868.

Information has been received that  
military arms, ammunition and equip-  
ment are concealed in various places,  
ready to be distributed to persons  
engaged in the rebellion, and that  
the Government is endeavoring to  
prevent the same from being dis-  
tributed to the rebels.

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