

PATRIOTIC LETTERS.

The following patriotic letters, from two of North Carolina's most gifted and distinguished sons, the Hon. Wm. A. Graham and B. F. Moore, were addressed to the Committee of Invitation at the late Union Mass Meeting at Washington, North Carolina.

HILLSBORO, North Carolina, Oct. 19th, 1860.

GENTLEMEN:—I very sincerely regret that it is out of my power to accept your kind invitation, to attend and address the people at the mass meeting of the Union party in Washington, on the 17th inst. I trust, however, that my presence at other more capable of doing justice to our principles, and of demonstrating the necessity of electing Bell and Everett, as the only means of giving peace to a distracted and bleeding country, will be more than amply made up for in the course of the election.

It is a sad and a painful duty to be called upon to see the country with the election of Lincoln, while we shall regard it as a calamity deeply to be deplored, and shall increase our vigilance over the rights of our section, and be at any moment prepared to defend them. It will be our duty to prevent a dissolution of the Union, and the destruction of the Government bequeathed to us by our Fathers, for that cause alone. The President of the United States is not a sovereign monarch, but a representative republic. High as this office may be supposed to exalt the man, he is at last but the servant of the people, and clothed with powers not to be used to oppress, but to be used to relieve and to protect.

A RICH SCENE.

In the speech delivered by Judge Douglas at the late interview between him and the President, it is decidedly rich.

When I reached Washington, three days before the election, I found that all the friends of the President had a talk with him upon this subject, in which I informed him as a friend, not as a partisan, of the course which I intended to take.

I begged me not to say anything upon the subject, until we should have the news as to how the vote stood on the slavery clause. The vote, you remember, was to be taken on the 21st of December, three or four weeks subsequent to this Convention.

When the President that if he would withhold his recommendation until the vote was taken on that clause, I would withhold my speech against the measure. He said that he must recommend it, and I declined that. I said that I would do it, and he said that he would do it, and he said that he would do it.

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MR. DOUGLAS AND LINCOLN.

Senator Douglas made a speech a few days ago at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, directed mainly against the nomination of Lincoln.

It should be elected, I, for one, do not fear him; and my prayer shall be as ever, for the prosperity and happiness of our country.

I am, very truly yours, B. F. MOORE.

LETTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

In answer to an invitation to visit Alabama, the Hon. John Polk, of North Carolina, writes a letter from Colorado, in this State, to the Marquis (Ala.) American, in which he says:

I am obliged to decline many invitations that I am constantly receiving to leave the State, and speak in behalf of Bell and Everett. We shall be able to carry this State, but must do so by thorough organization, and by the aid of the friends of the Union in every part of the State.

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MINERAL WEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We find in the N. Y. Times a letter from a correspondent at Raleigh, which gives some account of the mineral wealth of North Carolina.

The following are the extracts alluded to: It is almost unknown to the world, but nevertheless a fact, within what is called the basin of the Deep River, there is a wealth of coal and iron ore almost inexhaustible, and exceeding in richness anything yet developed in this country.

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A BULL RACE.

We have been told to laugh "some" at times, in our sanctum, we believe; but we doubt if a heavier guffaw ever came from it, than was awakened by the following "Race with a Bull" in Fittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"The Cock-Fight in Havana," which we published some time ago; in which an American sailor unbagged an uncouth "bird" in the "pit," which, after receiving unreluctantly two or three powerful blows, he pulled his head off! He was an American Bull Dog.

"Some forty years ago the members of a race-course near Brownsville, on the Monongahela, published notice of a race, one mile between a bull and a horse, for a purse of one hundred dollars.

"On the morning of the race, Hays came upon the ground on horse back on his bull. Instead of a saddle, he had draped an ox-hide, the head part of which was fastened to the bull's horns.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCHOOL FUND.

The President and Directors of the Literary Fund have made distribution of the net income of said fund for the year 1860, directed the following statement to be published, showing the Spring and Fall distribution to each county, and the total distributed during the year.

The amount of the Fall distribution will be paid to the persons entitled thereto upon application to the Treasury Department.

Alhambra, Madison and Polk Counties will receive their appropriation from the Counties from which they were respectively formed. Jackson County will receive thirty (30) per centum of the amount allotted to Macon County, and the balance of its share from that allotted to Haywood County.

GRAHAM DAVIS, Secretary to the Literary Board.

OFFICE OF THE LITERARY BOARD. Raleigh, October 16th, 1860.

Counties. Federal Pop. Spring. Fall. Total. Deduct for Deaf and Dumb.

Alhambra, 10,166 1,219 92 1,219 92 2,439 84

Alexander, 5,003 600 36 600 36 1,200 72

Anson, 10,756 1,290 72 1,290 72 2,581 44

Ashe, 5,539 1,024 68 1,024 68 2,049 96

Burghley, 9,919 830 28 830 28 1,660 66

Buncombe, 12,338 1,460 56 1,460 56 2,921 12

Bladen, 3,924 962 88 962 88 1,924 72

Bartie, 9,972 1,198 76 1,198 76 2,397 52

Brunswick, 11,116 1,404 92 1,404 92 2,809 82

Cabarrus, 5,951 714 12 714 12 1,428 24

Catawba, 8,674 1,048 88 1,048 88 2,097 76

Catawba, 8,234 988 88 988 88 1,976 76

Craven, 13,239 1,479 48 1,479 48 2,958 96

Cumberland, 10,576 1,278 66 1,278 66 2,557 12

Currituck, 5,252 830 24 830 24 1,660 48

Columbus, 5,308 636 96 636 96 1,272 96

Camden, 5,174 620 88 620 88 1,240 72

Carters, 6,208 774 96 774 96 1,548 92

Cherokee, 5,703 696 84 696 84 1,392 84

Catawba, 12,141 1,459 32 1,459 32 2,918 64

Chatham, 16,055 1,926 60 1,926 60 3,853 20

Caldwell, 5,836 700 32 700 32 1,400 64

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Granville, 17,303 2,076 36 2,076 36 4,152 72

Guilford, 18,480 2,217 60 2,217 60 4,434 20

Greene, 5,920 638 68 638 68 1,276 96

Gates, 6,878 825 84 825 84 1,650 84

Haywood, 13,007 1,560 84 1,560 84 3,120 88

Halifax, 6,656 798 72 798 72 1,596 44

Hertford, 6,588 790 20 790 20 1,580 40

Harnett, 7,088 850 80 850 80 1,700 80

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Lincoln, 6,924 830 88 830 88 1,660 88

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Martin, 5,741 682 88 682 88 1,364 88

McDowell, 5,562 1,026 26 1,026 26 2,052 88

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