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ADDRESS OF HON. THOMAS RUFFIN, OF ALABAMA.

Delivered before the State Agricultural Society of North Carolina, October 18th, 1855.

The duty has been assigned to me of making to this assembly of our fellow-citizens the usual annual address on behalf of the Agricultural Society of North Carolina.

In the first place it is fit that to all here thanks be rendered for a hearty welcome to the speaker. The purport of the Society and the modes of effecting them, are generally known and we invite the co-operation of all in the good work.

Next, the Agricultural Society, and we ask the agricultural community to join in asking acknowledgments to the General Assembly for the pecuniary aid extended to the Society.

Such is North Carolina. Here she is and let any man say who can, whether she be not in every way as she has now been held up to him. Then, why should any leave her? I trust the period of her people's deserting her and seeking what they may find in a better place, is near at hand.

Now, it may be asked, is the agriculture of North Carolina worthy of this public patronage, and of the efforts of some of her citizens to promote and improve it? I answer, Yes—yes.

The profits and comforts of agriculture depend upon the condition of the soil, and the condition of the soil depends upon the mode of its cultivation.

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and protected the land from washing by judiciously planting the land with trees and shrubs. The result has been that sixty old fields have been reclaimed and brought into cultivation, and the soil has become much more fertile.

Then let me say once more to you, men of North Carolina, stick to her, and make her what she can be and ought to be. For you and your sons she will yield a rich harvest.

The nature of the labor employed in our agriculture is such as to require the most judicious and careful selection of the soil, and the most judicious and careful selection of the soil.

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undertaken it, and regret that I did so, especially as this address has been made in a very public manner, and will make the fact known to all eyes.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

That such a man as the late President Fremont, and the late Secretary of State, should have been so grossly abused, and that the name of the North should be so dishonored, is a disgrace to our country.

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