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## PLATFORM OF THE AMERICAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

At a Convention of the American party, sponsibility: held at Raleigh, on the 10th of October, 1855, the following resolutions were adopt-

dered the secrecy of the American organi- blood shall be upon his own head. a publicly organized party-that we do chal- at the watchman's hands."

lic primary meetings in the respective coun- fice."

June or July.

said nominating Convention. general concerns of the American party in failure.

as may be deemed necessary for the more and his disciples from every office under lie church in the country is never heard of. ed to four hundred. A fact so full of meanthorough organization of the said executive the government down to the fourth milita, They cannot afford to worship God in the ing ought not to be overlooked, and cannot und order is supreme committee be authorized and requested to because they subscribe to the atrocious sen- plain, unassuming edifiees with which oth- be misunderstood. County Executive Committee do further apagreement with Hell."

## Letter from Colonel Clemens to

General Cass .-- No. 2. HUNTSVILLE, ALA., Oct. 3, 1855.

vented me from continuing, at an earlier (among other things) not one in five thous- cording to the Baptist almanac, or 1,334,- ter of themselves, and that they will repuday, my reply to your anti-American letter. and has ever read the constitution, and not 500, according to another estimate made by diate the leaders who, by the use of such If in that reply I should at any time use one in fifty thousand understands its pro- the superintendant of the census. This arguments plainly show how low is the esplain language, I beg you to believe that it visions. results from no diminution of my regard for granted to those who advertise regularly through you as a man, or the high estimate I have your position and of mine. Both of us, less than 3,500,000 Catholics in the United ing Christians—if many have grievious sins always placed upon your abilities as a states- doubtless, can give many other reasons for States, and added-" Emmigration has no to atone, there are yet none I trust without man. It would be very difficult for me to the faith that is in us; but this is the ground- doubt contributed much" to this result." the hope of redemption through the Saviour. address you in any but a kindly spirit .- work upon which the whole superstructure Since 1850, the immigration has been im. Blot out that hope, and existence becomes Court orders charged 25 per cent higher than the These are not times, however, nor is this a is reared. If yours is the offspring of patrisubject, upon which to suppress the utter- otic devotion to liberty and the constitution, ance of honest sentiments. You, sir, more by what magic does mine become "intolerthan any other man in this republic, are ac- ance," "proscription," and reckless disrecountable for whatever fate awaits us; be- gard of constitutional duty? It is true you cause your influence is wider, your capaci- do not assert that there is anything unconty less questioned, and your character less stitutional in the American platform. Your accessible to reproach. To your country position is too high, and you could not af- the church, they have no scruples, no reyou occupy the position of the watchman ford so to trifle with your reputation; but straints, and their capacity for mischief is the course of the school boy, who getting hierarchy in its different orders. If the mentioned in Ezekiel, and according to the you give to others with fewer scruples, and thus increased many fold beyond their actu his lesson skipped the hard places. Allow manner in which the duty of a watchman is less to lose, the sanction of your silence. al numbers. Yet we are admonished to let me to say, without the least disrespect, that | bill, I never would be heard speaking against discharged will be your reward or your re- As long as your opponents confined them- this church alone-to permit it go on in- you did a good deal of skipping. Among it. They have only to decide, and they

the land, he blow the trumpet and warn the smoothly enough. Some people took it for tered the political arena and warned us that could not deny, and you would not admit. stood that such is the duty of all Catho people, then whosoever heareth the sound granted they knew what they were saying, persecution will give it new vitality. The The denial of any such claim on the part lies." of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if and believed them. But specifications are serpent is among us .- We see it glow day of the Pope was, I think, first made by Mr. It is needless to pile authority upon au Resolved, That, as the causes which ren- the sword come and take him away, his dangerous things when error is to be sus- by day, we watch its scales harden, and Chandler, in the House of Representatives, therity to prove an assumption of power scales.

zation necessary in its infancy, no longer "But if the watchman see the sword come, first isexist-all the secret cermonials of the or- and blow not the trumpet, and the people be der whether of initiation, obligations, signs, not warned, if the sword come and take any quired as a qualification for any office or cepted from generation, be- Britain, and the Church furnished the evi- would deny the interpretation put upon his constitutions, rituals, or passwords be abol- person from among them, he is taken away public trust under the United States." ished—that we do constitute ourselves into in his iniquity, but his blood will I require

lenge our opponents to the public discuss- If, in what I have written, or may write. It presupposes two I prefer to rely upon testimony of a less e- has been widely published, and is access ion of our principles—and we do hereby I succeed in impressing upon you the great, poses no obligation. The Lagislature is de- things repugnant alike to the understanding quivocal character. invite and invoke the aid and co-operation importance of giving the American move- nied the right of requiring any religious outh and the heart. It supposes the Catholic to For the first six centuries after the death is important: of all the citizens of the State, without re- ment an honest and careful examination, I from an officer after his election by the be the true religion, and applys to it the of the humble fisherman whom the Popes gard to their former political affiliations, in shall not have labored in vain. I have, in- people, but the people themselves retain maxim "that the blood of the martyrs is profess to take as their model, and the foun- cide for me whether the Constitution of this maintaining and carrying out the great aims deed, other objects, and chief among these unlimited discretion, and it is entirely with the seed of the Church, they made but little pre- country is or is not repugnant to the laws of principles and objects of the American par- is that of refuting unfounded charges, and them to decide whether a man's religious er Knox held no such opinion, stern, sin- tension to temporal power. But as time God." repelling unjust assailment.

National Council of the same, begun and flection, for you could not have intended to officer did not require, but in Executive ap- John Wesly was not behind him. The get that he travelled about on his mission deny the temporal power of the Pope the Government-whilst at the same time, capitally-to doom to destruction." It is opinions, as well as for any other cause, school he founded would do well to refer to linen." They forgothis continence, and sur- they would be punnished as heretics. He ples of the organization, which constitute would pain me to believe that you could so | inations improper. Under the Constitution | many of them appear to have done; the basis of our party, as paramount in im- far forget what is due to truth and common the people have the unqualified right to rehonors, offices and responsibilities of polit- practising all your life that very same pro- of the religion of the nominee. We propose allegiance. ical station, under our government, to ma- scription. For fifty years you have called as voters to exercise the right which is setive-born Americans, with a due regard, at it patriotism, and I must protest against any cured to us, and we desire the election of eign-born in all the civil rights and privileges if you ever voted for a Whig in your life. belongs to them. That is all. We are satfor a Democrat when you knew his Whig pose no change. The other clause is:

Resolved, However, lest such postpone- vinces me that it is not just as fair to com- accommodations for only 667,082. ment may not take place, it is deemed ad- bine for the purpose of excluding foreigners The reason of this disparity is plain. the State at large in such nominating Con- ing Whigs or rebellious Democrats. You churches for themselves alone; every trict to hold primary meetings in the respec- utation that you did so. Many persons will tive counties, and appoint delegates to Dis- believe what you say without putting them- country, and the whole neighborhood, trict Conventions, for the selection of a selves to the trouble of examination; where- whether they belong to any church or not would have been received without question, the sake of the 'glorious principles' of civil delegate from each respective District to as, if you had attempted an argument you are welcomed when they come. would certainly have exposed to the most Resolved, That an Executive Central indifferent inquirer the weakness of your hand, are put up on a scale of such regal which the law sprung, it did much to erip-Committee of five, be appointed by this body position. No learning, and no ingenuity magnificence that it is only in the cities ple the cause of Rome. Before England

respondence, and take such inceptive steps ciple that it is right to exclude Mr. Garrison sequence is, that such a thing as a Catho- that act of toleration the number has swell- true faith."

cinct in the county, with a view to a more fice those members of the Catholic church thorough and complete organization of the American party in North Carolina.

who deny the supremacy of the constitution, ears of Saint Peter. Their church accomband acknowledge the power of the Pope to odations, therefore, afford no rule by which party assails a religion which they believe release them from all obligation to support to estimate the number of members. The to be false and blasphemeous, the other

DEAR SIR: Other engagements have pre- I refuse to support a foreigner because while the Catholics rise to 1,173,700, ac- of my countrymen-I hope they think bet-

selves to general denunciations of the Amer- creasing, without opposition, at this fearful other hard places, was the claim of tempo- close my mouth; they have only to deter "If, when he seeth the sword come upon ican Order as unconstituional, they got along rate. Even Christian ministers have en- ral power on the part of the Pope. You mine, and I obey. I wish it to be under tained. Two clauses are relied upon; the still we must not touch it for fear persecu- and you recollect the kind of proof he ad- notorious. Mr. Brownson was recently

opinions shall be any bar to his advance- cere, fearless, unawed by power, unseduced wore on, corruption after corruption and er-Resolved, That we do hereby ratify and In the list of your charges against the ment. This relates to elections by the peo- by flattery, he denounced with equal sever- ror after error crept in. They forgot that endorse the principles enunciated in the American party is that of "proscription." ple. The whole Congress cannot require the magistrate who tolerated, and the platform of the American party, by the The word was no doubt used without reamy test oath which the constituency of the citizen who practiced Romish superstitions. That there are

ing from office and power, those who would times voted for a Democratic nominee a- There is scarcely a clause in the constipersecute for opinion's sake, who would gainst an independent Democratic candidate, tution with which a Know Nothing would branch of the spiritual power of the Pope, claimed William the Bastard rightful King ed it as infamous for all coming time. I control the politics of the country through whom you knew to be his superior. In the be more unwilling to part than the very one and all who acknowledge his spiritual of England, and sent him a hair from the will not dwell upon the fact that the Pope Church influences or priestly interference; exercise of your rights as a citizen, you pro- which is thus quoted against us. One of power must acknowledge this. But who- head of St. Peter in a Diamond ring .- himself pronounced the eulogy of the assasand who acknowledge an allegiance to any scribed (pardon the use of your own word,) the chief objections to Catholicism is to be ever acknowledges the dispensing power of Gregory VII excommunicated the Emperor sin of Henry III. Nor account the history power on earth, whether civil or ecclesias- the whole Whig party, you proscribed that found in its constant struggles to connect the Pope can give no security for his allegi- of Germany, and absolved his subjects from of the times when infants were tossed into tical, as paramount to that which they owe portion of your own party who would not itself with the State. Every other denomi- ance to any government. Oaths and prom- their allegiance. Alexander III forced the flames which were roasting their parsubmit to caucus diction. As a Senator of nation of Christians look upon all connex- ises are gone: they are light as air-a dis- Frederick to hold his stirrup while mount- ents at the stake. There is enough of mod-And, Thirdly, unswerving devotion to the United States you assisted in excluding ion with the government as fatal to the pensalion makes them null and void. Nay, ing his horse. Innocent III deposed King ern date for my purpose, and it cannot be Union of these States, and resistance to all Abolition members of the same body from best interests of Religion. In that Church factions and sectional attempts to weaken a place on any of its committees; and now, alone, a restless longing for power, an insasir, will you tell me in what respect you are tiable thirst for persecution and blood, in-Resolved, That in all nominations for po- less liable to the charge of proscription than duces unremitting efforts to obtain possesditical station here after to be made by the I am? I say that I will not vote for a for- sion of the temporal sword. In guarding a-American Party, it is recommended that the eigner or a Catholic. You say that you will gainst that danger, in seeking to keep the same be done in open public meeting-and not vote for a Whig, or a Democrat who stains of earth far away from the ermine of that all those who agree with us in principle, runs against the party nominee; and that the Christian Church, the first amendment and who concur in our aims and objects, you will not let an Abolitionist serve on a to the constitution is an auxiliary no Amershall hereafter be recognized as members of committee. I have heard it said, "oh yes, ican wishes to lose. The Catholic may you can vote as you please, you may vote perform the exercise of religion on the pub-Resolved, That it be recommended to the against a foreigner just as well as against an lie highways, or in the market-places, if he American Party in this State to hold a Con- Abolitionist, but it is very improper to form pleases; he may celebrate mass at mid-day vention of delegates, to be appointed in pub- combinations to exclude foreigners from of- or at mid-night; he may nail a saint or two over his door, or collect a dozen holy relics ties, in Greensboro,' on Thursday the 10th I have no particular objection to such in his cabinet, and no one will interpose an he acknowledges priestly absolution or the day of April next, for the purpose of nomi- reasoning when it comes from some half- objection. The American party make no nating a candidate to be run by the Amer- fledged lawyer who knows no more of his war upon the Catholic to prevent the free ican party for Governor at the next election profession as a science, than he does of vol- exercise of his religion, but to prevent the -that each county appoint as many Del- canoes in the moon, and who has only a possibility of his interfering with the free egates as it chooses, and that the mode of vague idea that somewhere in the law com- exercise of our own. Men who have devoting in said convention be regulated by binations are declared illegal, but when a clared that it is unconstitutional to permit man of fair ability utters such things the the Bible to be studied in schools, have no Resolved, That we consider the 22d day conclusion is inevitable that he has very lit- further scruples to overcome before declarof Febuary next-the time heretofore se- tle respect for the intelligence of his hearers. ing it unconstitutional to attend any but a lected by the National Council of the Amer- It is impossible for a political party to ex- Catholic church. When other arguments ican order, for the nomination of candidates ist without combination. All the objects of fail, it is customary to resort to weak atfor President and Vice-President, as too a party are effected through combinations. tempts to ridicule the fear of danger from early a day for that purpose, and we do You combined with Madison, Monroe, Catholic influence; and in order to make hereby recommend to our breathren of the Jackson, Van Buren, Polk and Pierce-ex- this effectual, the census statistics are very American party throughout the Union, the cuse me for mentioning the last-as I did unscrupulously perverted. According to propriety of postponing the holding of said the same thing I hope you will acquit me of that document, the Baptists provide church laughed at his Interdicts, and her subjects convention, to some time in the month of malice in the allusion. That man will con- accomodations for 3,247,029, the Methodists fer a favor I shall not soon forget who con- for 4,333,759, while the Catholics provide

yisable to appoint two delegates to represent from office, as it is for the purpose of exclud- The Baptists and Methodists do not build vention, and it is recommended to the A- contented yourself with assertion and made church will hold more than double as many merican party in each Congressional Dis- no attempt at proof. It is well for your rep- worshippers as actually belong to the church. Their houses are scattered all over the

appoint a County Executive Committee for timent that "the Constitution of the United er denominations have dotted the land. Y Another objection to this Popish argu- as its supreme visible chief." each County in the State; and that said States is a covenant with death, and an They seem to estimate the value of prayer ment against persecution is, that it assumes according to the splendor of the temple the depravity of the American people. It point a sub-committee for each election pre- I claim that it is right to exclude from of- from which it ascends, and to fear that log says in so many words that they are ready cabin supplications would never reach the to prove recreant to Heaven if it will adodations, therefore, afford no rule by which party assails a religion which they believe fice of the Church not to learn from actual number of members in the three party although equally opposed to it, will You refuse to support a Whig because you Churches is as follows: Baptist, including encourage and defend it, in order to prevent believe his construction of the powers of eight different sects, 982,993; Methodists, a party injury to themselves, or to inflict Congress under the constitution erroneous. including four different sects, 1,779,526; one upon their opponents. I think better was in 1850. In 1852, Archbishop Hughes timate they place upon popular intelligence, Now, sir, this is an exact statement of gave it as his opinion that there were not and popular virtue. If all are not professmense, and at this day I have little doubt rayless and cherless. Every flower losses the Archbishop's estimate is far below the its perfume, and every star that gems the truth. It must be remembered, also, that Heavens speaks only of eternal torture,there are no sects, no schisms amongst them. To barter it away, and for less than a mess of allegiance." They have a common object—they obey a of pottage, is a folly too wild, a sin too in-

In all that relates to the advancement of human evidence.

with any promise, oath, or vow, is another Apula, and Calabria." Alexander II pro- butchery of Protestants, which have stamy power to pardon sins!!

"This is an essential doctrine of the Church of Rome. But they that acknowledge this cannot possibly give any allegiance to any government. Oaths are no security at all: for the priest can pardon both perjury and high treason. Setting their religion aside it is plain that upon principles of reason, no government ought to tolerate men who cannot give any security to their government for their allegiance and peaceable behavior. But this no Romanist can do, not only while he holds that no " faith spiritual power of the Pope.

"If any one pleases to answer this, and sign his name I shall probably reply. But the productions of any anonymous writers I do not promise to take any notice of.

"I am, sir, your humble servant, "JOHN WESLEY.

"City Road, January 21, 1780." Knox and Wesley were right. Persecution (if you call it by that name) never aid- face of the dying world, and instead of ed a bad cause. Henry VIII crushed the power of the Pope in England with scarcely an effort. Bloody Mary revived it .- bar of the Church, its divinely constituted When Elizabeth ascended the throne, she judge." followed her example. The law made and remade Catholicism at pleasure. Ireland the land, and you were in the minority, it is no exception. There indeed they clung not in numbers, yet in power, what would to the national faith with more tenacity than he do to you? That, we say, would en-The priest found his most efficient ally in tolerate you-if expedient, he would imand enforced without difficulty. Even as and religious liberty." The Catholic Cathedrals, on the other it was, however hateful the source from whose duty it shall be to attend to the could have saved you from a mortifying and large towns they can afford to build at changed her policy and passed what is call- religion, and there can be no religion withall. They have not yet the right to tax us ed the "Emanicipation Act," there were out an inquisition, which is wisely designthis State, to earry on the necessary cor- You acknowledge and act upon the prin- for building churches for them, and the con- but seventeen Jesuits in Ireland. Since ed for the promotion and protection of the

expiable to command my belief upon any see what Daniel O'Connell says:

Your late letter, General, reminded me of

Queen Elizabeth were also excommunica- nals of the church: been thundered against the King of Sardi- us IX. Aug. 15, 1852.

These are but a few cases, selected from says: the mass of material at hand, many more might be given, but more is not needed .- Christian countrys, as in Italy and Spain. It is a maxim of the church never to give for instance, where all the people are Cathis to be kept with heretics, but so long as up the slightest of its claims—to be silent olic, and where the Catholic religion is an opportunities. In our own land, such was as other crimes." the policy for years, but rapidly accumulating numbers have given their organs a says: tone of conscious power, and they now speak out boldly in defence of opposition.

The following extracts are taken mainly from "The American Text Book." They have not been denied, and cannot be. Brownson's Review says:

"Let us dare to assert the truth in the pleading for our Church at the bar of the State, summon the State itself to plead at the

The Rambler says: "You ask if he (the Pope,) were lord in elsewhere. But it must be remembered that tirely depend on circumstances. If it would the laws to suppress it were not Irish laws. benefit the cause of Catholicism, he would the universal hatred of the oppressor. If prison you, banish you, fine you, probably their own parliament, unfettered by Eng- he might even hang you; but, be assured of throwing up his cap and shouting "all hail land, had enacted the same statutes, they one thing, he would never tolerate you for Democracy!"

The Boston Pilot has uttered this Church and State sentiment:

"No good government can exist without

sponsible to public opinion, and there nothing superior to an ordinary Prosect? We own we had thought it opinion, but to instruct and form it be judged by it, but to judge it—not to conform to the maxims of the age, but to as all her powers to make the age confor her maxims."

"Kings and lords, magistrates and ruler sovereigns and subjects, are under it ( Church) in all things-alike in things poral and in things spiritual. Whose de nies this, denies not merely the sounder of ion, BUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION ITSELF.

Brownson's Review again says: "Wherever the occasion occured," Church asserted her power, not in en words only, but in deeds, to judge so ereigns, kings, and Cæsars, to bestow or t take away crowns, to depose ungodly rulers and to absolve their subjects from their

So much for American authority. Let u

"I declare my most unquivocal submis sion to the head of the Church, and to the Bishops would make a declaration on this

tion will strengthen it. This is one of duced to sustain him. The Catholic cause pealed to by some gentleman in North Car-"But no religious test shall ever be red those popular errors which have been ac- was on trial before the Parliament of olina, probably in the expectation that he cause no one thought it of sufficient import dence for itself. There would be little need former writings. I do not propose to fol-This clause relates entirely to the oath tance to expose it. It is not only false, it is for our crimnal courts, if the offender's own low him through all the involved and comwhich must be taken by the public officers. a libel upon the Protestant faith, and the statement was sufficient to justify acquittal. plicated reasoning of his reply. The letter ble to every one. His conclusion is all that

"The Pope is the proper authority to de-

This was Mr. Brownson's opinion on the 12th of June, 1855, and there I leave him

That there are American Catholics who held at Philadelphia, on the 5th day of June, make the vile accusation its literal meaning pointments it is different. The State alone following extract from one of his letters in threadbare garments, with his coat off, know. But they are not Catholics in his 1855, in relation to the political policy of covers. To proscribe means "to censure can reject his nominees, for their religious speaks for itself. The deciples of the and clothed themselves "in purple and fine acceptation of the word. In Spain or Italy we consider the three great primary princi- something worse than to persecute, and it which, in their judgment renders the nom- his writings a little more frequently than rounded themselves with courtezans. They recognises no devided allegiance-tolerates forgot the humility which induced them to no freedom of conscience and permits no "Again those who acknowledge the spir- pray that he might be crucified with his departure from the orthodox faith. If his portance to any issues of mere governmental sense as to make such an allegation against ject any candidate for their suffrages on ac- itual power of the Pope can give no security head downwards, to avoid an appearance, power was once established in this country so considerable a number of your country- count of his religion. The State has the of their allegiance to any government; but even in death, of equality with his Lord, they would be in as much danger of the Resolved, That these three great primary men. It is false even in the sense in which unqualified right to reject any nomination all Roman Catholics acknowledge this; and boldly claimed that they occupied the rack as you or I. The iron boot and red principles are, first, the confinement of the you intend to employ it. You have been sent to them by the President, on account therefore they can give no security for their place "of the true God." The assertion hot grate would be prepared for all alike. of temporal consequence of that claim, and To you, Sir, I need offer no proofs of the "The power of granting pardon for sins it has been exercised for a thousand years. intolerance of the Roman Church. It has -present, past and to come-is, and has "Pope John VIII obliged Charles the Bald been the subject of more than one of your the same time, to the protection of the for- change of name at the present day. I doubt Senators who will exercise the right which been for many centuries, one branch of his to confess that he held his empire by the speeches in the Senate; but this letter is eign-born in all the civil rights and privileges if you ever voted for a Whig in your life. belongs to them. That is all. We are satguaranteed to freemen by the constitution, I am very sure that you have often voted is fied with the constitution as it is, and progive no security for their allegiance, since Germany, as also promise to obey him "in neighbors, and I therefore propose to intro-Secondly, Resistance to religious intoler- competitor was, in all respects, his superior and space will make no law re- they believe that the Pope can pardon re- everything. "Pope Nicholas" gave Capua duce such testimony as time and space will ance, and a rigid maintanance of the great as a man. Unless you have been more forprinciple of religious freedom—by excludtunate than I have been, you have somehibiting the free exercise thereof."

bellion, high treason and all other sins to Richard Guiscard and his brother Robert allow. I will now go back to "Black St. whatsoever. The power of dispensing all the lands he might conquer in Sicily."

Bartholomew's day," and the wholesale not only the Pope, but even a priest has John of England for confiscating the pro- met by saying, that, with the superstition perty of the clergy, and imprisoning their of by-gone ages, has passed away the old, concubines. Henry VIII of England and relentless cruelty which blackens the an-

ted, and their subjects absolved from their "The absurd idea of rovings in defence oaths of fidelity. In 1801, a papil bull was of liberty of conscience, is a most pestilential issued against Bonaparte, and another a- error-a test of all others most to be dreaded gainst Switzerland. In 1855, alike bull has in a State."-Encyclical letter of Pope Pi-

The Roman Catholic Bishop of St. Louis

"Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in when silence is expedient, but never to lose essential part of the land, they are punished

The St. Louis Shepherd of the Valley

"The Church is, of necessity, intolerant, Heresy she endures when and where she must; but she hates it, and directs all her energies to its destruction. If Catholics ever gain an immense numerical majority. religious freedom in this country is at an end-so say our enemies-so say we,"

Brownron's Review of October, 1852,

"The liberty of heresy and unbelief is not a natural right, all the rights the sects have or can have are derived from the State, and rest on expediency. As they have, in their character of sects hostile to the true religion. no rights under the law of nature or under the law of God, they are neither wronged nor deprived of liberty if the State refuses to grant them any rights at all!"

Again, it says, October, 1851:

"The sorriest sight to us, is a catholic

I must again refer to the authority of the great Irish Agitator:

"You should do all in your power to carry out the intentions of his Holiness the Pope. When you have the electory franchise, give your votes to none but those who will assist you in so holy a struggle."

(CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT)