W. Stephens."-Gov. Holden to Daniel Johnson. "The Republicans had much to do with that crime."-Gov. Holden

would only vote the Democratic two or three weeks as to whether he ticket. I nave turned to Daniel would order the plates and have them triumph of the national arms! With the truth, and nothing but the truth, the forts which I made to put down these whole truth and nothing but the truth, Johnson's testimony before the Supreme Court, in 1870, and though he was examined at length, he did not even mention my name. I have no recollection of any conversation with Daniel Johnson. I taked, in 1809 and 1870, with a great many persons in distress, who had been a Kiuxed, and I may have taiked with thin, but I do not recollect it.

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If you have the was examined at length, he did he was at last released after having been examined at length, he did he was in the way, because he was ple to have these bonds, and I was will not at the day of my inauguration to the 1st in the day of my inauguration to the last four of July, 1870, thus covering a space of the most emitted to he was in the way, because he was ple to have these bonds, and I was will not at the day of my inauguration to the 1st in the day of my inauguration to the 1st

Court in print, that Stephens was dropped. murdered in the Court House in Yanceyville, by Democrats, how gan the "universal reply" he that I murdered him? I might, if I chose to do so, have the editors and stockholders of the News indicted for libel, and sue them for damages; but Paul says I must not go to law "before the unjust." I am commanded rather to "take wrong" at the hands of the unjust, fend myself against calumnies and

circulation among a Christian peo- may do so for the first time in many ple. Nor will I hate my calumnia- years.

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only state, as I do with the utmost solemnity, in view of that day when "God shall judge the world by that man whom He has ordained," that I had nothing to do by advice, by consent, by word, by look, by thought in sent, by word, by look, by thought in me whom sent, by word, by look, by thought in me whatsoever, with the murder of John W. Stephens. I do not know, but I believe, with Chief Justice Pearson, and Justices Settle and Dick, who examined sixty witnesses in the case, on which governmental in nominating in Releigh, in August, 187), that he "For murder, though it have no tonge, will speak, with most mirror nations organ." Sluck-general most in Releigh, in Angust 187), that he was murdered in the court house, in Releigh, in Angust 187), that he was murdered in the court house, in Releigh, in Angust 187), that he was murdered in the court house, in Yanceyville, by his political opponents, while a Democratic meeting was being held in that house. I offered rewards the made to Rev. Mr. Balley the statement which he is a laleged to have made, would damn him for baye made, would damn him forgulty and bring thom to punishment, but in Angust and September, 1813, after he had visited Richmond and talked jury whose duty it is to drag to ingulty and bring thom to punishment, but to fine data to this day it is not positively in the authors, alders and abet. Let him deny, it is not more ineffective. Nothing a good many Republicans about had easy, it is not more ineffective. Nothing day not come the court of the cour murder Stephens, for he virtually held in his hand the whole power of the head of the secessionists in this State.

I cannot avoid. I owe it to my armity, to my friends, and to me to be signed, and to have the great seal of the State impressed upon therefore charge it. But one thing I do not know it, and shall not great seal of the State impressed upon therefore charge it. But one thing I do not know it, and shall not grow private Secretary. I therefore charge it. But one thing I do know, and that is, North Carolina was never so afflicted by any man as the was pever so afflicted by any man as the was pever so afflicted by any man as the was pever so afflicted by any man as the was by Zebulon B. Vance, during for a day or two for safe keeping, and then then most white Bepublicans, in the probably be a better man than most white Bepublicans, in the judgment of my accusers, if he would probably be constructed as the bonds are and that is, North Carolina was never so afflicted by any man as the was by Zebulon B. Vance, during then sent to Gen. Lee's army. Col. Taylor it would be. Before suntended the was radely arrested, by the was radely arrested, then the whole was radely arrested, by the was

proof of any kind againt me, and once return to Raleigh and swear that with the decision of the Supreme it was false. The ninth Article was amount went to the credit of

tional and what were not.

Having, as I think, thoroughly disposed of the charges in the News, and to submit, and to await "that above copied, I may ask the public day" with hope and patience. No, of both parties to hear me briefly as to my general course as a public man since 1860. Members of Confaisehoods the most monstrous and gress and others frequently rise to the most wicked that ever found "personal explanations." I think I

tors, because they hate me. I will I was, in 1860, and had been for not return evil for evil. I will not long years, what was known as a graded myself by thus serving the retort with personal charges against Jackson Union Democrat. While any of them. I might do so, but I I was a State rights man, as Jefferwill not. By the help of God, I son and Jackson were, I had deterany of them. I might do so, but I will not. By the help of God, I will not intend to be josted from my do not intend to be josted from my propriety, or to do anything, or say anything, which would cause pain to my real friends, or bring dishonor to my real friends, and Jackson were, I had determined to help and the country benefit them. Where there is no gratitude, and I have the sounce of his etters to me, date: I have trankly announced the policy of society in the country was compelled to the use of the military arm, the which fall the use of the military arm, the which fall the use of the military arm, the which fall the use of the use o on myself. Especially will I not of myself. Especially will not form the post of the Gospel, or sasail a minister of the Gospel, or myself. I not of myself. Especially will not form the post of the Gospel, or myself. I not of myself. Especially will not form the post of sasting a minister of the Gospel, or myself. I not of myself. Especially will not form the post of the design of myself. I not of myself. I not of myself. Especially will not form the post of the Gospel, or myself. I not of myself. I will be above my sense of the News by bringing one. And I beg my self. I have true to disminor and continued to disminor and civil war. I denote the most momentous character for the most myself will not form the myself wil one. And I beg my Christian friends of all denominations to bear friends of all denominations to bear friends of all denominations to bear this in mind, that we have one great Accuser, even Satan, and that it does not become us to accuse one another. He will do that work, if the "accuses us day and night" before God.

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this minth Article was false, and that, if the Convention and Legislature, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, it was pressed against me, he would at and when I retired, in December, in my office or my house, to pray for interest and solot, one of whom diet of his would. Another jail was broken open, and as fear the southern States and interest that was pressed against me, he would at one of whom diet of his would. Another jail was broken open, and at or to sustain me by advice, or to sustain me by advice, or to sustain me by advice, or to sustain me by advice or to sustain me by advice or to sustain me by advice, to restrain me by advice, or to sustain me by advice, or to to, I might have furnished my rooms in the Capitol elegantly, and

National Government, and because,

perhaps, I had tried to help and

deny, it is nothing; the idle wind is not more ineffective. Nothing that manates from the pen which signed away the people's treasure for bribe money, and which now fills the columns of a newspaper and the inclination, to and the most unblushing falsehoods, and defenceless, on the fall he did, shad like desist from the secsionists in this State. Space would fail me to tell all he did, shad like doing so by fear of the Stand. Again, on the 20th of Octeber, spond a similar proclamation, to members of the secsionists in this State. Space would fail me to tell all he did, shad like doing so by fear of the Stand. Again, on the 20th of Octeber, spond a similar proclamation to the proclamation on the inoffensive and defenceless," that the was governor so the kian, as above stated, beat the thead of the secsionists in this State. Space would fail me to tell all he did, shad like on the from doing so by fear of the Stand. Again, on the 20th of Octeber, spond a similar proclamation to the proclamation on the inoffensive and defenceless," that the was fer desist from the same them in this State. Space would fail me to tell all he did, shad like on the from doing so by fear o and everacity of so pure and unsulned a minister of the gospel as Rev.
C. T. Bailey."

"Everybody is now asking, who
killed Stephens 7 and the universal
reply is, Holden and nis gang."

The bonds of society must have
become greatly relaxed, and the
Evil One must have been let loose
have been bribed, for every paper, or
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forward to the bow or why he was moved to box thow or which the whow or why he was moved to p, b forward to defend nimself against Directors of the various railroads did cending from the smoke and blood of 1864, he visited Gov. Vance, and resuch charges as the above, pub not come to me for these bonds, but battle, and resting on his brow, and if ported to him the extravagance and And again, on the 6th of June, 1870, I Justice, as in no degree binding who lished in a Raleigh paper. But they went to the Treasurer, who had they were called upon to give testimony to that time, thirteen persons had against their confederates. They were the bonds printed and they were called upon to give testimony they were the bonds printed and they were the bonds printed and they were called upon to give testimony they were the bonds printed and they were the bonds prin

printed; but I encouraged him to do much better grace could I ask for the had no claim on him as a conscript. disorders without resort to military would swear falsely, and would thus it, because I wanted the Western peo- balance of my term, of which I was He was in the way, because I wanted the Western peo- balance of my term, of which I was He way, because he was force-efforts extending indeed from defeat the ends of justice. There are, at

with him, but I do not reconect It.

If said, "the party must get rid of I said, "the

old and musty and ragged furniture can be no peace without law, and there left there by Governor Vance and can be no efficacy in law without

to in that? Were not those views and delivered in the Senate of this State, in sentiments pacific and just? And I glossed my Juangural as follows:

John W. Norwood stated, in a speech the Ewith atthorities, and causing leaf and to the Suase at large. Wonder was expressed in the presentence of Cato the Censor, that white evils through the civil law, and but for many persons of little note had their

amount, and that he wanted to pay hoods, and committing acts of violence members of the Klan, as above stated,

r signed my name, with a view while he was Governor, for I do not reached. Treasurer Worth and mysued another proclamation, giving de intimidation to scoargings, mutala-

boild me that Mr. Stephens, or some one lest, had advised retaliation on the whites, though I do not believe he over so solvised; and may not make the source duty of them. I do not seek to the persons of them and messages the source of them will be some than the source of them will be solved them. The source of them will be solved to solve the source of them will be solved to solve the solved to solved the solved the solved to solved the so

Yet there were a few Demograta who lie to exercise their right of suffrage. John W. Norwood stated, in a speech the lawful authorities, and causing real and to the State at large.

ed before magistrates and in Courts of

unties in a state of insurrection. Hon. Graham, committing crimes, delying and their families as it was to society

mitted by these "reformers" of the or Virginia, for example, who are not morals of neighborhoods on defenceless led by chinquepin politicians, (by the

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majority, no doubt, of the Democratic members of the two honses were active Ku Klux. They had on their consciences one oath to persecute, whip, and, if necessary, to murder their poinitical opponents for the sake of power : had taken, to support the constitution and laws, and to "execute justice and maintain truth." But the Republican minority in the Senate was in their way. They knew I could not be convicted unless they reduced that minortey so as to give them a clear Kuklux two-thirds vote. Consequently, Major W. A. Smith, Senator from Alamance and Guilford, and R. W. Lassiter, Esq., senator from Granville and Person, were expelled. And then the persecution for veryetnes in the shape of imwho were acting both as judges and jurors, and not as partizans, gat there and voted to convict me, as the result of outside decrees by the Ku Klux dens. as the result of caucus action, (many of them members themselves of the Ku this city, bianching the check and searing the fips of many a brave and honest of a nameless hate against one man, because, in accordance with the constitution and the law, and in accordance with his solemn oath of office, and because in defence of the innocent and the unoifending, and in the name of peace, order, good will, and of the very existence of society itself, he had raised Klux, and had dispersed them, and

that without bloodshed! onvicted me, that I had done a numand wickeliy." How could they know that? Truly, "the tender mercles of the wicked are cruel." They followed me, one lone man, with a mercilessness, with a persistency, with a purpose, "That would tire

The hound's long bate, the hunter's fire." They allowed me to employ counsel. I suppose I ought to thank them for Tacir masked minions had shown no mercy even to John W. Stephens, Wyatt Outlaw, Robin Jacobs, the half-witted Puryear, Shoffner, Coling the family of Daniel Blue, of Moore county, whose cabin was burned, and his wife, (who was prognant,) with five lered, were burned therein. Had none of these peerless Senators heard of this

tried by the French National Convenion, that body, dripping with the blood of slaughtered innocents, employed two of the most eminent lawyers in France to defend that King, who was convicted and beheaded, and these lawhad to pay my own lawyers (as noble and generous men as ever breathed,) out of my own pocket, the sum of three them, Hon. R. C. Badger, appearing for me without charge. I shall never ask the Democrats to reimburse me that amount any more than I shall ask them

Well, they convicted me. They only went through the forms, for the result was fixed beforehand. And what of it? I am still here, erect, undaunted, un-subdued. The good Lord protected me by His Providence, and saved my life conspirators from one Den which I will not name, were in Raleigh for a day or fessed the fact to my Adjutant General, Fisher. Both of them had committed murder by order of their Dens, and aterwards, for the sake of peace, having entirely put down the Ku Klux in that part of the State, I requested the State's counsel to enter a not pros, in these, as in many other cases, and thus spared their lives. I shall not die till my time

" That mercy I to others show,

left there by Governor Vance and the Provost Marshal, when, having entire control of the funds referred to, I might have furnished my to, I might have furnished my to my appeals. The law is over all. The poor and the humble should be proported to, I might have furnished my to my appeals. I responded nobiy to my appeals. I have received no mercy at the hands of them were whipped, some of them were whipped, some of them of the Ku Klux Democracy. I shall not ask them for any. I do not cry to drowned, some of them were hanged, some of them were hanged. Every one must be free to use what is his own, not trespassing on the rights of others; to follow his particular call-From sin the Capitol eleganty, and lived in luxurious style, as some of lived in luxurious style, as some of Governor Vance's friends did, on the supplies from Europe brought the supplies from Europe brought from office disliked by an apparent majority of the people of the State, because they thought I had de-