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MR. NASH'S SPEECH

On the Penitentiary Bill—delivered Dec. 19, 1817—re-published at the request of a correspondent in our last.

The subject of a Penitentiary has been so often before the Legislature...

I do not know, sir, how other gentlemen may feel on this subject...

For what cause are we at liberty to take the life of our fellow-creature?

I have said it is only in the case of murder we are justifiable in taking the life of a fellow-creature...

I have thus shewn that the first principle which I laid down is violated by our criminal law...

dictates of truth and justice, the feelings of humanity and the indelible rights of mankind.

Let our criminal code be tested by the above principles. Murder is the highest crime we can perpetrate against society or individuals...

What justice is there in this arrangement? Are the crimes equal in degree? Is the principle uniform...

I have thus shewn, that the second principle laid down is violated equally with the first. And what is the consequence? The very object of punishment is defeated.

That there are evils, Sir, every man of intelligence admits. How then are they to be remedied?—I contend that there can be no effectual remedy applied, except by an adoption of the Penitentiary system.

But it may be contended that the effect of the Penitentiary system will be to increase the number of crimes, and thereby injure society.

we are not entering on a field of wild experiment—the experiment has been tried for us, and I am justified in saying, that the strongest expectation of the Philanthropist has not been disappointed.

I have referred you to the foul code of English Criminal Law. Let me solicit your attention to the mighty empire of Russia, and the powerful monarchy of Austria.

Thus then, sir, it stands—We admit our system is bad—Will a Penitentiary amend it? Other States have tried, and approve it—shall we not try it?

But, sir, we are told it will be expensive. True it will be expensive—And is North Carolina too poor to be just?

One word more, sir, and I will close my remarks. It appears to me that the doctrine of accountability is but little understood in this House.

DISSOLUTION.

THE Partnership heretofore existing under the firm of LEA, WILLIAMSON & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

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Mr. R. TODD, respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Raleigh and its Vicinity, that the MUSEUM

- Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, the Father of his Country. Gen. JACKSON, the Hero of New-Orleans. Gen. PIKE, who fell at York, Upper Canada. Com. PERRY, the Hero of Lake Erie, who wrested the palm of Naval Victory from the British.

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TO OWNERS OF LAND WARRANTS.

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