

What Honest Men and Gentlemen Know and Say About Some Democratic High "Muck-a-Mucks."

AN OPEN LETTER TO HON. W. R. ALLEN AND OTHERS.

I see you are a candidate for election to the next House in the county of Wayne. I am also a candidate for election to that House from the county of Bladen. In this one respect you and I happen to be alike. I suppose you hope to be a member of the next legislature. I am very certain that I shall be a member of that body, if I live so long. I fully and confidently expect to be elected by election to office by the people of my county. You have held office in your county, it is true; but you were never elected thereto; you simply stole a seat in the legislature; you stole it by swindling the voters in the good old county of Wayne. I am a plain sort of a man myself, and I deal in a plain way. I am opposed to stealing, because I know as well as I know anything, that a man who will steal a vote and so get himself into the legislature, is not a fit man to be in the legislature. Now, notwithstanding your shameless theft of a seat in the legislature from Wayne county, you have the impudence to come before the Populists and Republicans of that county and ask them to elect you to the legislature. You, the man who robbed them of their rights, and sat in the legislature by a shameless throwing out of their lawful votes. If you were at all sensitive to circumstances of shame, you could never have the hardihood to ask the voters of Wayne county to elect you to anything.

I see by the slandering machine newspapers that you have started a new raid upon Governor Russell. Of course Governor Russell does not need me for his defense—he is abundantly able to defend himself, but then, the Governor is my friend, and I have concluded to show you up to the people of Wayne county since your recent and vile attack upon the Governor furnishes me a suitable occasion. While I am at it, I will take in your confederates in iniquity; Simmons, of the Democrat machine, of Secret Circular infamy; one Joe Daniels the chameleon editor of the News and Observer, and his brother the other Daniels, that you have put up for the Senate from the counties of Wayne, Duplin and Pender. I not only owe you this exposure in defense of the Governor and in the interest of decency, but I owe your associate and leader, Simmons, an evening up of an old score. When I was sheriff of Bladen, Simmons tried to pull me for his own pocket. He brought suits against me in the name of others upon charges that were wholly false. It is true he busted on that job, and did not realize anything from it. I have been informed that the people whose names he used as plaintiffs to bring the suits had no interest whatever in the matters, knew nothing about the bringing of the suits. If he had succeeded in robbing me, he would have gotten the plunder for his own pocket. I think it well, therefore, to class you and Simmons and the Daniels together in what I shall have to say.

Your last attack upon the Governor is about a pardon granted to a negro by the name of Freeman Davis in Duplin county. I will leave that aside for a moment and take it up a little later.

You have many counts in your articles of impeachment against the Governor. The first one is based upon your failure to loot the Treasury of the State in leasing the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to a combine of which you were the attorney. So soon as the election of 1896 was over and you and your crowd knew that you had lost control of the State, you set about the work of putting up a job to lease the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad for less than its value; for less than it was earning at the time; for less than it has paid to the stockholders; and for very much less than was afterwards offered by the Southern Railroad; and for very much less than it would bring to day. The Governor broke in upon your little arrangement; you could not get your job through, and so lost a few one thousand dollars, that you confidently expected to make while assisting a lot of sharks to rob the people of the State. This is the first count in your articles of impeachment against the Governor. You can never bring yourself to the magnanimity of forgiving a man who has stood between you and the people, when you were planning for public plunder. The Governor has done this, and now he is to be impeached. In this little scheme to lease the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad you would have robbed the State of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and all the tax payers in Wayne would have been compelled to help to pay for it. Now you think that the intelligent, enlightened and virtuous voters of Wayne county will send you to the legislature, in order that you may have an opportunity to successfully scheme against the tax-payers in that body!

The next count in your articles of impeachment against the Governor is based upon your aggrieved failures to realize upon your Oyster Fraud Claims.

These claims have been fully investigated by W. C. Douglas and McIver, both of them Democratic lawyers. These men have certified that, after a thorough examination of the matter, they find them to be fraudulent. The claims against the State in this Oyster Fraud amounted to \$5,600. I am informed and I verily believe, that you and Simmons were to get half or more than half of the boodle when it should be drawn from the State Treasury. You well remember that you went to the Governor, claiming to be his friend, and begged him to advise the Treasurer to pay these claims at once. You will also remember that the Governor absolutely refused to give any such advice. Seeing that you could not work the Governor in an effort to loot the State Treasury, you began the course of intense malignancy against him which has characterized your every utterance

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You are abusing the Governor for having granted this pardon. When you do this you insult every man and woman who asked Governor Russell to grant it, and some of these men whom you thus insult, you have the impudence to ask for their votes in the coming election. How dare you to face them, when you are demeaning and slandering the Governor for doing exactly what they recommended and begged him to do? Who are they? Here they are:

R W Millard, County Supervisor.
Thad Jones, Jr., Register of Deeds, Duplin county.
D Moore, Sheriff Duplin county.
John A Gavin, Clerk Superior Court, Duplin county.
Bland Wallace, Ex-Sheriff and postmaster.
J D Stafford.
J P Turner, Justice of the Peace.
Joe C Maxwell, Ex-Enrolling Clerk.
R G Maxwell, Senator 9th District.
W L Hill.
R W Blackmore.
R L Blackmore, Commissioner for Duplin county.
Dr. W P Kennedy.
G G Best.
J A Scott.
J L Dickson.
Henry Fussell.
Jacqueline Jones.
C W Holmes.
James Garner.
B F Bennett.
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A L Johnson.
J W Lee.

Sam Williams,
J B Cox,
G H Williams,
C G Graham,
D H Smith,
W M Paison,
D I Brinson,
Sanfers Middleton,
Jacob Dodson,
R R Middleeson,
Willis Cowan,
C C Graham,
D Faison,
A R Cowan,
J R Summerlin.
Mack Miller,
W A Frederick,
Sanker Hankerson,
J T Wilkins,
J T Wallace,

G W Cooper,
C F Williams,
John Brinson,
James Branch,
Belam Borden,
K Whitehead,
Robt. Graham,
Joseph Cartland,
Amos Pearsall,
W M Bayant,
W C Cowan,
Needham Dodson,
L Husey,
Ramsey Cotton,
A D Mont,
Rev. W B F Korne,
Thim Middleton,
Wm. Brown,
Jno D Miller,
Jacob James.

Then look at the following letters:

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Aug. 13, '98.
Governor D. L. Russell,
DEAR SIR:—I had promised Freeman Davis to see you when I carried him up to the penitentiary but I had a very sick baby and had to send a Deputy.

The first action brought against Davis in this matter was a bastardy proceeding.

The Constable who served the warrant said that the defendant insisted upon a trial, but it was not tried and prosecutors proposed a compromise.

I have before me an affidavit filed in the case, which states that Roxanna Hall, being duly sworn, says that she cannot obtain evidence sufficient to convict the said Freeman Davis.

I also have before me receipts showing that Freeman Davis paid prosecutors \$27.50 and their names are signed by L. V. Grady, Attorney.

These receipts from the woman states that it is in full settlement of all claims she has or is about to have against him.

A short while after this settlement they brought another action for the same offense, this time for seduction.

This warrant was placed in my hands, and the girl's father came to me and asked me not to serve it; stated that they were not ready for trial, and insisted that I hold it for some time.

I refused to hold the warrant as a menace, and served it.

W. R. Allen assisted L. V. Grady in the prosecution. After Davis was sentenced to two years, Allen tried to persuade the court to change the sentence and require defendant to pay the woman \$100 instead of serving two years.

Since the trials I heard L. V. Grady say that he thought it was very doubtful, or did not believe, that Davis was the father of the child.

nation of none who know the case and the parties.

Yours very respectfully,
(Signed) L. A. BRASLEY.

KENANSVILLE, N. C., July 1, 1898.
To His Excellency DANIEL L. RUSSELL, Governor of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.:

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND: It is many years since we have met; as my advanced age precludes my traveling far from home, and I do not remember to have seen you since you were on the bench in this county. However, I knew your honored father, the late Daniel L. Russell, Sr.) when I lived in Wilmington from 1846 to 1887, and remember you as a well grown youth. But relative to this petition to you to pardon the negro boy Freeman G. Davis, I feel constrained to ask an act of clemency, or rather as I regard the matter from my standpoint as an act of justice. Knowing as I do, all the ill feelings that dominated the actions of the colored and many of the white actors in the case. The boy Freeman Davis was raised and used to belong to my wife's brother, Dr. John Davis, whom I think your Honor remembers, and we take an interest in his affairs from his being an old family negro; and when you are assured by the signatures of the majority of the most respectable inhabitants of Duplin county, that the boy is innocent of the crime which he was so unjustly convicted, as you are by the petition that accompanies this note, I feel assured from my former knowledge of your Excellency's character for justice and equity, that you will set aside the very unjust decision of the court, and restore a very worthy negro to citizenship.

I would be delighted to receive an autograph letter from your Honor, but suppose the affairs of State are too numerous for me to expect it. However, should you get an opportunity to drop me a line, it will be gratefully received.

Your very humble servant,
(Signed) B. D. FORD.

KENANSVILLE, N. C., July 11, '98.
To His Excellency, DANIEL L. RUSSELL, Governor of North Carolina,

DEAR SIR:—I hope you will pardon me for this trouble to you, but it is prompted by a desire to see justice done to one of our colored men, Freeman Davis, who was convicted of seduction at our February court, and I am certain from what I have heard one Hiram Brown say just after the verdict was rendered that he knew Davis was not the father of the child but he had to pay for it; and I hope you can see your way clear to give him a full pardon for said charge, believing that he was innocent of the charge for which he was convicted.

Yours truly,
(Signed) L. F. SHINE.

Now, William, what do you think of yourself? Other people not only think, but they do certainly know, that you were now a what you were when you stole that office from another man, and from the people of Wayne county.

I suppose you will say that this letter was written by the Governor, and if you do, you will say what is absolutely untrue, for the Governor of North Carolina has never seen it and will not until it appears in print.

Fearing that one issue of this letter will not be sufficient for the purpose of making you known throughout the State, I have had ten thousand copies struck off and mean to give you the full benefit of them.

W. J. FUTTON.



THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE ATTEMPTS TO KICK DOWN TRUTH AND FACTS,

AND KICKS ITSELF INTO A SORRY FLIGHT,

BUT TRUTH AND FACTS ARE UNSCATHED AND UNSCARRED.

against him since he balked you in your purpose in that interview about the Oyster Frauds.

I am aware that this is plain talk; but it is the truth, nevertheless, and you know it. Do you think the voters of the county of Wayne will elevate you to the legislature when they come to know these facts about your career? Do you think so? We shall see!

Your confederate in the Oyster Fraud business, F. M. Simmons, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, got a chance to get in some of his spite against the Governor or by procuring Hancock to write a letter saying that the Governor told him he would retain him in the Presidency of the Atlantic Road if he would whip Joe Daniels.

Everybody who knows anything about it believes that Simmons wrote that letter, and had Hancock to sign it. Simmons must have known it was a lie when he began its circulation; but a little thing of that sort never interferes with any of his purposes. Everybody else knows it is a lie; because it is self-evident that, if Hancock could have saved his place by whipping Daniels, Daniels would have been whipped. It was too easy a thing to do for Hancock to refuse it. Bess your dear life, what job could have been more easy than for Hancock to have lammed the miserable coward who was slapped in the face by Day; kicked into the gutter by Carroll; and cowhided on the public streets by Ashe. The only possible trouble that Hancock could have had in the performance of that task would have been to catch Daniels.

The above statements show that you and your confederates are beautiful. You have a nice little arrangement by which you are to come to the legislature from Wayne, and manage the machinery in that body so as to get Oyster Fraud claims paid by an appropriation.

When the State Treasurer, Mr. Worth, refused to pay the Oyster Fraud Claims, you and Simmons stunk your complaints into the editorial pages of that disreputable sheet known throughout this State as the News and Observer. I do not know whether you wrote them, or whether Daniels wrote them. I am satisfied that each and every one of you had a hand in that nefarious business. In this newspaper sheet, you will remember how vilely you abused Treasurer Worth for not having paid these fraudulent claims. I suppose you want to have him impeached. You want to come in the next leg-

islature from Wayne, so that you can work up a job in association with Daniel's brother from Wayne, Duplin, and Pender, and get all these fraudulent claims paid. You are to work it to loot the State Treasury in one house while Daniels gets his fingers into it in the other house. You are a nice pair to go before the tax payers of Duplin, Pender and Wayne and ask them to vote for you. Yes, you are a nice pair indeed. It seems that the last count in your articles of impeachment against the Governor is that he refused to let you use the pardoning power to extort money from a Duplin county negro. You have fixed up a screed about the Governor's pardoning a terrible criminal who had violated the virtue of an innocent woman. Your distressing anxiety to preserve the virtue of negroes is crowding the Heavenly realms with weeping angels. You forgot to mention, however, in your little screed, that you are the same individuals who begged the court not to send this negro to prison at all if he would pay you \$100. You did not get the \$100 and the negro went to prison. About all the white people who knew anything about him or his

case petitioned the Governor for his pardon. All the county officers in Duplin county urged that he might be pardoned; some of the best women in the county begged that he might be pardoned; and you heard that he was about to be pardoned; you rushed off to his friends and told them that if they would pay you \$200 you would have the girl, who was alleged to have been seduced by the negro, ask also for his pardon. You told this to Dan Moore, Sheriff of Duplin county. You told him that if you did not get your \$200 you would object to his pardon: You did object to his pardon. Will you be good enough to explain to the public what it was that made you double up on your price? You were at one time willing to have the judgment suspended if the negro should pay \$100. Will you explain to a curious and puzzled people why it is that you made up your mind to extort from him, or his friends, \$200 as the price of your consent, that he might be turned loose? Will you explain? The trouble about it is William when you got the negro in prison you thought you could safely risk the attempt to tap him for just one hundred dollars more than you thought you could get out of him before he went to prison. You wrote to the Governor, I have been informed, and told him you desired to be heard before the pardon was granted. This you did simply in order that you might have time to get your blood pulling machine fastened upon the negro, and you know it. Your conduct was exposed by proofs laid before the Governor. He therefore notified the petitioners that if the negro would pay \$50 to the girl who prosecuted him he would pardon him. This was done and he was pardoned. You did not get the \$100 in the first instance that you pleaded for before the court. You did not get your \$200 that you demanded after the negro was in jail. You did not get the \$50 that was paid to the girl, you are simply mad about it, and want to impeach the Governor. Certainly, why not? Should not a Governor who stands between you and the public treasury; who stands between you and unfortunate criminals, and refuses to allow you to extort money

J H Lee,
John Holland,
G F Bennett,
D A Bennett,
James Holmes,
Needham Herring,
G L Dail,
John H Bennett,
Horace Laine,
Luther Dail,
Rich'd Thomson,
J F Jones,
J B Hardison,
Marshall B Jarvis,
I D Southerland,
R E Pennington,
Rayford Korney,
A D Jones,
R A Greenfield,
J R Greenfield,
James Gufford,
W F Gufford,
John F Davis,
L H Davis,
C F Garner,
Rich'd Summerlin,
Zack Barfield,
Hubert Hill,
J E Lambert,
Sargent Stanly,
H E Smith,
L C Smith,
T J Grady,
J McR Grady,
Zack Williams,
B F Outlaw,
J B Outlaw,
D C Potter,
Sam Williams,
James Batts,
Holley Williams,
F Hill,
Albert R Hill,
J C White,
A T Johnson,
A J Stanford,
A M Hill,
Essex Hill,
J F Frederick,
Enoch Hill,
G W Hill,
Frank Phillips,
G W Davis,
Alfred Davis,
Alex Davis,
Oscar Jarman,
David Davis,

Ira Summerlin,
Willis Huse,
A L Goodson,
J R Taylor,
John Gaugh,
Thad Jones, Sr.,
D H Garner,
R G Summerlin,
Jesse Neumanns,
F J Quimm,
E A Goodman,
Zury Taylor,
R A Smith,
R E Simmons,
E P Ford,
W H Maxwell,
A B Southerland,
Bryant Smith,
R E Lee,
J R Smith,
Thomas Kilpatrick,
Wm J Grady, P.M.,
Robt Taylor,
W H Barrett,
A D Potter,
D H Barnett,
R D Jones,
D H Sullivan,
Simon Herring,
N B Whitefield,
J L Outlaw,
D H Outlaw,
M L Outlaw,
J A Whitefield,
Edward Hisey,
A D Outlaw,
B D Ford,
Issac Stroud,
Jackson Potter,
Seth Pindal,
W P Barnett,
Harry Davis,
B F Jarman,
S E Jarman,
Laney Davis,
J S Jarman,
Kelly R Davis,
York Davis,
Willie W Davis,
Hiram Davis,
J J Phillips,
Ashley Stroud,
Fred Grady,
James Davis,
Tim Davis,
Haywood Davis,
Rich'd Williams,

JAS. W. PERKINS TO T. J. JARVIS.

A SCORCHER FOR THE EX-GOVERNOR—A LITTLE EARLY HISTORY.

AS HE IS SO FOND OF PERSONALITIES, THE EX-MAYOR OF GREENVILLE, WHOM HE HAD ATTACKED, HAS A WORD TO SAY.

GREENVILLE, N. C., Sept. 5, 1898.
MR. EDITOR:—My attention has been called to a letter which ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis has written about the town government of Greenville, and as he has suppressed some facts, I will give them:

The town was first divided into wards by the Democrats, in 1855. In that division two Democratic wards, with small voting population, were given two councilmen each, and two Republican wards, with large voting population, were given one councilman each. The Republican legislature of 1895 simply changed the representation by giving the Republicans two councilmen in each ward and the Democrats one councilman in each ward. The present town government consists of four colored councilmen and two Democrats, and all the town officers are elected by them. The mayor, treasurer and tax collector are Democrats, sought office from the negro councilmen, and were elected by them. The two policemen are Republicans, the assistant a colored man, whose election was brought about in this way: One of the colored councilmen agreed to vote with the Democratic councilman for a Democrat for assistant policeman, thus making a tie vote, and I as mayor agreed to vote for the Democrat, thus preventing the election of the colored policeman. One of the Democratic councilmen, who is chairman of the county executive committee and the law partner of Gov. Jarvis, declined, as I was informed, to vote