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REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION.

MESSRS. RODMAN AND GARAGAN.

To the People of North-Carolina: The Convention which met under the Reconstruction acts of Congress, to form a Constitution "republican in form" for the State of North-Carolina, preparatory to its re-admission into the Union, have finished their labors, and now present the draft of the proposed Constitution for your ratification.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS states clearly "the general and essential principle of liberty and good government, and secures them by all the safeguards which experience can suggest. The great change introduced by this Bill of Rights is, that it removes every argument on which the doctrine of the right and exclusive power of the people of the State for the integrity of the Union, the peace and prosperity of the United States. To the Union-loving people of North-Carolina no defence need be made for the bold assertion of this great principle.

IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT the changes appear to be much greater than they really are. The names of some officers have been changed, and instead of being elected by the General Assembly as heretofore, the choice of these high officers of the people is given directly to the people. This is in conformity with the acknowledged principles of Republican government. But two officers have been created. 1st. Lieutenant Governor. The duties of this officer to supply the place of the Governor, in case of a vacancy in his office, was so apparent that it was provided for in the proposed Constitution of 1853. No additional expense is incurred as he will receive no salary while acting as Governor or presiding over the Senate. 2nd. A Superintendent of Public Works. A proper care of the interests of the State in the great and expensive public works in which it is engaged renders such an officer manifestly necessary. It is a measure of economy. The State has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars heretofore for want of the watchful attention which this officer will give to the expenditure of the public money on internal improvements.

Under the heads of the LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT and SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE, the changes which will challenge attention is the giving the right to vote and hold office to all the male inhabitants of the State, without regard to race, color or previous condition. This change was inevitable. Without it there can be no return to the Union, to escape from the hopeless ruin which is inseparable from a continuance in our present unnatural condition. But apart from this convincing reason, reflecting on the manly and noble character of the people of this State, and the wisdom and magnanimity of the Union, to escape from the burdens of the government at all times, and to expose their lives for its defence in war, should be allowed a full participation in its direction. To refuse this right to any class of the people would be to continue in a modified form, a course so abhorrent to the spirit of the age to be permitted.

While giving suffrage to the colored people, the Convention has not been inconsistent with itself, and with the great principles of Republican government, as to deny it to any portion of the whites. It is an undeniable monument to the wisdom and equality, and magnanimity of the Union, to escape from the burdens of the government at all times, and to expose their lives for its defence in war, should be allowed a full participation in its direction. To refuse this right to any class of the people would be to continue in a modified form, a course so abhorrent to the spirit of the age to be permitted.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. Experience will soon demonstrate that the changes made in this branch of the government taken altogether, are of great value. Some may doubt the propriety of electing judges by the people. If the people select wisely, no harm can possibly result. The abolition of the inferior Courts, and the increase in the number of judges of the Superior Courts; and it may be charged that thereby the new system will be more expensive than the old. We have considered this well, and we confidently trust the people of North-Carolina, that if the General Assembly shall carry out in good faith the idea of the Convention, they will save hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, by the economy and economy of the administration of justice. We confidently invite the approval of the people to this part of the constitution, it will stand the test of experience, and be more valued with every year of its existence.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT. The Republican principle of local self-government, which has been so fertile a source of good effects in the North-Eastern and North-Western States, has been applied to the administration of the local affairs of counties and townships. These County Legislatures, composed of five Commissioners of each county; will be schools, where the lessons of statesmanship will be learned, and every man be afterwards displayed in the arena of public affairs. By these various bodies, almost every man is brought directly to participate in public affairs. It may seem a little awkward at first, but it has approved itself elsewhere, and will do so here.

EDUCATION. The Constitution framed by our ancestors in 1776, recognized the value of education. It provided for a University. This Constitution provides for a University and for free public schools for all the children of the State. Any man who is educated and the uneducated man, yet as often as not, the uneducated man has been gifted with the greater degree of intellectual power; the cause of his ill success is that it has not been developed. We propose to "level upwards," to give to the child, as far as the State can, an opportunity to develop to the fullest extent, all his intellectual gifts. No noble an effort needs no vindication.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT. A law of the COMMONWEALTH is reserved to the unfortunate debtor. The barbarous punishments of whipping, branding, and cropping, will be heretofore unknown. Crime is as often the result of an ignorant man as of a criminal disposition. Hereafter a Penitentiary is abolished except in case of fraud.

any will be at once a place for the repression of crime, and a school for teaching the useful arts to those who are more unfortunate than criminal. People of North-Carolina! such is the Constitution which we invite you to adopt. Read it carefully, consider it calmly; upon you and yours will the consequences of your decision fall. You must not approve every part of it. We cannot assure that every part is perfect. You must allow somewhat for the differences of opinion inevitable among thinking men, and each man must yield something of his own views for the sake of harmony. If you approve the general scope and spirit of the Constitution, vote to ratify it. Do not be misled by the unfounded denunciations of men heated by passion and reckless of consequences. If you adopt it, the gates of the Union will be opened for our entrance, we will once again enjoy the inestimable blessings of Constitutional Liberty, and may hope for a continuance of peace and for a return of our former prosperity. With a climate and soil unsurpassed by people highly gifted with intellect and virtue, the State of North-Carolina ought to be a great, rich and happy State. Let us lay aside all mutual crimination and all party spirit, and unite in the past to bear the burden of sorrow and guilt, let us all unite to make her wad she ought to be. You have but to will it and by the blessing of God, it will be done.

OFFICIAL. CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PREAMBLE. We the people of the State of North-Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the American Union, and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him, for the continuance of the blessing to us and our posterity, do, for the more certain security thereof, and for the better government of this State, ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

That the great, general and essential principles of liberty and free government, may be recognized and established, and that the relations of this State to the Union and government of the United States, and those of the people of this State to the rest of the American people, may be defined and affirmed, we do declare: Section 1. That we hold it to be self evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that the right of the people to alter, amend, or abolish their Constitution and form of government, whenever it may be necessary for their safety and happiness, and that no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof, can have any binding force.

Section 2. That the people of this State have the inherent, sole, and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof, and of altering and abolishing their Constitution and form of government, whenever it may be necessary for their safety and happiness, and that no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof, can have any binding force.

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