WILMINGTON, N. C. PRIDAY, JUNE 30 1876

Proclamation by the President of

the United States WHEREAS: A joint ros lution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States was duly approved on the 13th day of March last, which resolution is as follows :

\* Re it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That it be and is hereby recommend d by the Senate and House of Representatives, that have assemble in their severalecunties ortowns on the approaching centennial anniversary of our national independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day a historical sketch of such county or town from its foundation, and that a copy of said sketch be filled in print or manuscript in the clerk's office of said county; and an additional copy in print or manuscript be filed in the office of the Librarian of Congress, to the intent that a complete record may be obtained of the progress of our institutions diffing the fir t centennial of their existence.

And whereas, it is deemed proper that such recommendation be brought to the notice and knowledge of the people of the United States; now, therefore, I Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do hereby declare and bereby make known the same, in the hope that the object of such resolution may meet the approval of the perpleof the United States, and that proper steps may be taken to carry the same into effect. Given under my hand at the City of

he year of our Lord 1876, and of the endence of the United States he tooth. U. S. GRANT.

By the President : HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

LUMBERTON, N. C., June 24, 1876. Epirons Post :- On Friday night, the 16th inst., a fire occurred in this own which unfortunately destroyed searly half the business portion of it. On Saturday afternoon I was arrested macharge of having been concerned in he incendiarism. The case came up before a Justice of the Peace and the Mayor, and I showed to their entire atisfaction that I could not possibly a the best citizens of the town, and ms therefore discharged.

So the matter would have rested in Courts. all probability had it not been for the dukey who presides over the Robesonin. He was not in town at the time of the fire, so he says, and of course auid not be expected to know anything about it except from hearsay, but, true to that devilish disposition by which he is actuated, to pander to the wirse reclings of the worse class by whom his paper is read, and thus add feel to the lurid fires which burn almady within them with a flame dangerous to the welfare of those who differ flow them in political sentiment, he most publish an article on me in his dirty sheet, by which persons at a distakee who do not know what a worthles creature he is may be disposed to believe that I have at last turned incentiary.

But hear him : -"A man by the name of Best was heard to say on the morning of the fire that he saw the torth applied to the building where the fire originated." Now, this is a leliberate falsehood and he knew it at the time he wrote the article. If I had aid so I would now be in Lumberton all as an accessary if not as principal. Is he not lawyer enough to know that? But I publish to the world his object. a making this statement. He knows that I am a Republican, and as I have but recently come here, he thought it a good time to "kill me off" in the esti-

and the majority of his readers, and he is therefore responsible, and I hold him

to the gaze of the world in his true

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tice of the Peace and Mayor if this article had not appeared, because assured that the town authorities were informed by some nullcions person that I had said I could point out the incen-

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WILKESBURO, N. C.

MESSES. EDITORS :- One of the most important elections that is to come off this fall in this State, is the ratification or rejection of the proposed Constitutional amendments. The ratification of these amendments I think would be greatly detrimental to the interests of our common country, as it will leave the liberties of the people exposed to the caprice of a partiesu legislature, which is a mere creature of the Constitution, whose powers should be to a greater extent limited. I would rafer especially to the articles 4 and 7-the former concerning the judiciary and the latter municipal governments. The Democratic party told the people last summer that they were going to reduce the number of judges, and thereby curtail the expences of the government of Washington, the 25th day of May, in the State, How have they done it? They have reduced the number of Supreme Court Judges from five to three. which we think impracticable, and the Superior Court Judges from twelve to nine, giving the legislature full power to increase or decrease said number. Why, it will be prepostorous to talk about the good honest people of this State delegating so much power into the hands of the legislature. Section 14, article 7, as amended, gives the legislature full power to abrogate, change or amend all the sections of said artiele except 7, 9, and 13. This article provides for our county government where the people are allowed to elect their own officers; but if this amendment is ratifled, which would be if any have had anything to do with it. This of them are, because they make us Idid by the sworn testimony of several swallow them all down at one guip, and again article 4, section 2, as amended, gives the legislature power to establish other courts inferior to the Supreme

This is another trap set to deceive the people. Why was it that they did not say inferior to the Superior Courts. No, sir, these courts if established according to the amendments can be superior to the Superior Courts, thereby taking the jurisdiction from those courts, and giving it to these inferior courts. I would like to whisper in some lawyers car, (no offence to the legal fraternity) that you want the old coun-ty courts reestablished, (not under the old system.) If that should be the case the courts would be ruled by three justices, called a special court and you would not be county judge appointed by a partisan legislature. What, says one, you don't say there will be a judge for each county in the State, and ap-pointed by the legislature. Yes, sir, I do charge it against the Democratic party, and without the fear of success, tul contradiction. Why, my fellow countrymen, just pause and think one moment, before you recklessly vote for these amendments. I appeal to you tolay all political prejudice aside and weigh them well, and do not vote for them because your party says so. You may rest assured if they are ratified, which I think they will not be, away goes your liberties, away goes everything that is near and dear to you. Will we ratify them? Echo answers no! For heaven sake put your foot upon them, and give the Democratic leaders a rebuke that they will feel for years; show them by your votes this fall, that you are not ready to delegate all the power you hold to-day into the hands of a few them by your votes this fall, that you seem to the street of the good people of this sum and the adjoining counties, or at least run me way from Lumberton. "I have been another paragraph of the same article he says: "There are plans in order in rishing this community of this damagness man," Now, I do not know whether this part of the article is intended to apply to me or not; but this seems to be the impression of this seems to be the impression of the same with whom I have talked on the subject. I have this to say if it was no itself, and three or that county, being Democrats, throw the whole the head between the period of the naticle in the case of Robosov county where the Republicans elected that delegates have the head between the period of the seems to be the impression of those with whom I have talked on the subject. I have this to say if it was no itself, and the county, being Democrats, throw the whole the head between the altitle carticles."

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