

## $\frac{\text { Thubsiay november, 9, } 1871 .}{\left(S^{3} / \text { ExPLANATORY. }\right.}$

 Dani ReprouhcaN. Since my arivial
 festicand grosis derilection of duty as a county
 the'Goonty, .already staggering under heayy.burdens, If 1 am really blame worthy in the matter of the failure to hold a term, of Court in October under the admin-
istration of the newly appointed Judpe, I must peeds now suffer, or ought to suffer all the evil consequences resulting from my neg-
leat even to the judgement of fives and penalties; bat E trust you will grant me the space peciessury to vindicate myself if I to be brought against my official character. Verminot I Wrote to my Deputy here that "if.any one should be appointed to the office of fadge in time to secure the Jury say be. fore zad or 3d of October, to issue the writ for the Jury, conferring with the Solicitor in
referenee to it', On the 23d Sept I ad dressed the Solicitor (having heard meanThale that Judge Farmer had been appoinh ed, but had net quaitifed sying, ithe
does nualify please tell McGregor, to issue does qualify please tel hice home." Judge
the venire and I will
Fowner cme down to Walterboro from the Farmer came down to Walterboro from the
Capitolwhere he had qualifed at about the 1oth of October, and on antixing at home
found a letter from the Solicitor, stating that "there was nuck sickness in Beaufort, that preparation made for a tern of Court. there larly eoough, and wost unaccountably, the letter sent by me to my deputy never has come to hand, and the one that should have hept.
reached Major Wiggin by the 27 th Sept was only plaed in his hands on Oct 1th.
Moreover Judge Farmer would not have Moreover Judge Farmer would not
remained here-as he himself publicly ed-had a jury been in attendance any long. er than to have dismised them to their
homes As it was, the Judge did not eren remove his wearing apparel, during the break" of the succeeding morning.
But the chief allegation against the dere
het Clerk is the loss,
-the expense-entailed ness of duty, or'ineownetence. Jet us malke a trial lyalanee, Fivst the county loses the sost of kepping six prisoners st syy till Fely.
tern, or one hundred days at $\$ 40$ for each, sow. Had renires been iswed, and jur
rors and wituescs been in antenduruee tou elining to hold Court-as he delared he should have done-the Courty bills would
have been at least spoo. Had he on the other hand gone on with the Term, and
convicted six men, at a cost of $\& 300$ to $\$ 500$ dollars more, the whole of them might rery likely hare been sentenced to the County
Jail where they now lie, and would the ex. pense of their mainte
ened "by their trial?
I do not pretend to be faultess either as a private eititzen or as a public officer, but Ido
assume that since $I$ have been in my present position-and for a long course of public
vive antecedent to 1868 , in which $I$ have Eavored to fulfil the duty pertaning to te enh acting for and among the masses of my col.
ored friends at Port Royal in military times, there had been cause for my being sent out of the Department even-as some were--
the Commanding oficer would doubtless have used his power, and disgrace his undu
iful subordinate; and if now there is just cause for the censure of the people to be visted upon my head, I am willing to bear it.
I came back from my' northern visitt vastly improved in general health, much better fit-
ted for any future labor, and ready to to
whatever I may for the good of our County, and won ony wisb in regard to those who
seeini dipposesd to arraign uy official conduct might have the privileze of spending two as
happy month in the might of the natural beauty, the culture aud enterprise of the
north as $I$ have done, which I Iam sure would heal most of their physical if not their moral and mental distresses
Very Respectully


The excuusionover the Rail Road Wednes-
day, was a very pleasant affair. Quite day, was a very pleasant affair. Quite a
number of alidies and gentemen were pres-
ent. The Gen.
and Thet, Chief
angineer, ent. The Geel. Supt., Chief Engineer,
and all of the road officerss were in the party
and and made every thing as asreeable as possi-
bel for the invited guests. Good humer,
good lunchoonan its ocmomitats preveril
ed. The train returned to town about
 My Dear sir:
President Isaacs, Mr. Young,
and myself has ust given up-with grat
reluctane and reerret-our last hopes to rel myself has just given up-with graal
roin youe and rogret-our last hopes to
jom The pening of your Road to its junction
with the Savanna and Chareston R. R. from Beaufort to Yamasee-connecting the
old time -honored town of Beautort with
Cheresto old time -honored town of Beaufort with
Charleston and Savannah by Rail is, to my
mis. mind an important and very auspicious
event.
It is the first stage of a RailRoad connec-tion which when completed will open to all
these towns, new, shorter, and better coumunications with the commerce and popula-
tion of the great South west and findy tion of the great South west and finally join
through them the extreme shores of the Pacific to the waters of the Altantic.
It will open for the first time It will open for the frrst time to
commere of the world the beantiful w and almost univalled safe anchorage of
Port Royal and Broad River harbors. Mr. IEacs, has been too unwell to-day venture on so much fatigue to-morrow, and
Mr. $\begin{aligned} & \text { oung, and myself have engagenents } \\ & \text { preventing us which we have in vain strug. }\end{aligned}$ prevening us
gled to escape.
The
They have requested me to express their
regrest with my own and add every posseible
good wish for the early regrets with ny own and add leter possi full
good wis for the arly yompletion and full
suceess of your enterpris. suceess of your enterprise.
I au very truly your

tendent P. R. R. R.
My Dear Sir:-Your telegram inviting me to participate in an excursion trip to-
worrow at the opening for trial of first forty miles of our Dear OLU Port Royal Rail Road, was not received by me until late
last night, und I regret to say that urgent last tight, and I regret to sag that urgen
professional and other business of much importance will prevent me from being
present on this pleasant occasion, but 1
 oeg teaveroad my warmest coogratulthious
on this, to the road and the country's important occasisin.
rhree ime thecerers and a bumper
for oul Port Ryyull: Yours truly, for oul Port Roygul! Yours truly,
H. H . Cook.
$\begin{gathered}\text { We have reeiclat at the hands of a fair } \\ \text { one, a "powe" which she wishes put in }\end{gathered}$
 ed." We confess there is considerable original
ity about the pome, but we decline to insert ity about the pome, but we deliline to insert
it, for various reasons; we will sample a few

What a sublime creation! and how kind in that planet to kepep beside Luna in her
wa derings. She fails to state how far Mars goes, but we presume as far as the zenith,
and then stops, as $h e$ is not referred to again personally, Ins the second veree she puts
her feminine spurs into Pegasus and mounts hier fem:
higher:


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CUNDURANGO!
 yof the countt treasurer.
You ask third, "If any school district, at it annual meeting, fails to raise the tax $r$ re cuired by law, but at a apecial meeting legal
 propriation made by the State for free com mon school purposes?
I answer thpt
I answer that, in my opinion, a school dis.
tict, which complied with the law in yrict, which complied with the law in hold ag a special meeting, and laying the neces sary tax or school purposes, would be end.
titled tote same rights and privieges an if
this action had been tiken at an annual auted this atho hame heent taken at an annual
theeting, inasmuch as the law expressly pro vides for sp $^{2}$
meetings.
You ask fourth, "Is that portion of the law requiring the withholding from schoo
districts failing to raise the school district tax
 tional! ${ }^{\text {'s }}$ I hane carefully considered this question, and it is my opinin, as at present adrised,
that this provision of the statute of 1871 is ihat this provision of the statate of 1 1871.
in contravention of the provisions secion 5 ,
articl $X$ articele X, of the Constitution of the State,
which provides: First, that an annual tax shall be collested pon all property through-
out the State for the support of public out the State for the support of pubbic
schools and second, that the school tax shall be distributed among the several school dis-
tricts of the State in proportion to the re spective number of pupilis attending the sion that the Legisisture are authorized, by way of penalty or punishment for the no no
performanee of eertain duftes exnioned statute, to deprive any school districit of that
portion of the school furd collected by the portion of the school fund collected by the
State, to which it would be entitled under the provisions of the
I have referred.
Very respectfyly
Very respectfall,
Your obedient

PersoxaLL- We are happy to note the
feturn of MI. H. G. JUDD and family, and Mr. D, C. WILSov, fron the north, whire hey have been luxuriaing for the past thre

F. . Carrozt 'Hias saccepted a profes. sorship in the Howard Univesity, Washing
ton, D. C., and has forwarded his ton, D. C., and has forwarded his resigna-
tion as Secretary of State, to take effect on the 1 Ist instant, to Governor Scott.
The Governor, Treasurer Parker and At tortey-Geeneral Chambeeflain are still in New







## By the Prexident: $\quad$ v.s. GRAXT.

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