

A Remarkable Application for Pardon for a Negro.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, May 30.—Governor Heyward is having a most interesting time with a petition for a pardon from Williamsburg county. It is one of those peculiar cases in which he is anxious to take the right step and do full justice to all concerned.

Nine years ago John Harrison was convicted of the murder of Alford Singletary and sentenced to life imprisonment. Harrison has served his sentence so far insisting that he was innocent, but nothing was done for him. Now strong petitions have been presented to Governor Heyward by Hirsch & Hirsch, of Kingstree, asking for the pardon of Harrison.

Quite a number of affidavits are presented from men of apparent standing that Harrison was 13 miles from the scene of the murder at the hour it is said to have been committed. None of these witnesses appeared at the trial of the case. It does not appear why N W Brown and others did not testify at the first trial except that they did not worry about the case.

Harrison is now able to make out a very good case and make a very good showing of an alibi.

The curious part of the case, however, is the affidavit of George W Arms, who tells how he frightened Harrison into making a confession. His affidavit is remarkable and reads as follows:

George W Arms, being duly sworn, says that he remembers the trial and conviction of John Harrison for murder, with a recommendation for mercy at the court of general sessions for said county and State, and that he is now aware of the fact that the said Harrison is confined in the State prison for the remainder of his natural life.

That at the time of the trial of the said Harrison this deponent worked at the jail, and it was to him that the said Harrison made his confession acknowledging the murder of Singletary, this deponent desires to state how this confession was obtained in order that justice may be done. Prior to the trial of Harrison he was incarcerated in the jail at Kingstree. This deponent, in order to get evidence on which to convict Harrison, appeared at night at the cell door of the said Harrison and then and there with the use of a chain tried to scare the said Harrison into a confession. After working this scheme for several nights, the said Harrison complained to this deponent of the occurrence, and this deponent told the said Harrison that he had best confess, as the sounds he heard was the ghost of Singletary. Even with this pressure being brought to bear upon the feelings of the said Harrison, he still maintained his innocence. Finding that this procedure would not work the results wished, this deponent then appeared at the cell door of Harrison covered with a white sheet and demanded then and there that he make his confession, and it was upon this action the said confession was made. This deponent was a witness in the said case against Harrison on this trial and told his confession in court and he now honestly believes that Harrison, being an ignorant negro and being scared, made this confession through fear and under duress and by being worked upon by the various methods set forth in this affidavit. After the making of this confession it was scattered and talked about through the entire county and worked considerable feeling against Harrison on his trial.

The reason this deponent tried to get evidence to convict said Harrison was to try and get the reward of \$300, which had been offered by the governor for proof to convict. Mr Wolfe, of Kingstree, writes to Governor Heyward that he was on the jury of inquest and that no arrest was made until after the reward of \$300 was offered. Governor Heyward has expressed his view of the case in the following letter, which he has written to Solicitor Wilson asking for his view of the case. The Hon John S Wilson, Solicitor, Manning, S. C.—Dear Sir: I have before me a petition asking for the pardon of John Harrison, who was convicted in the Court of General Sessions of Williamsburg county in 1895 of murder, with recommendation to mercy. In the record you will note that there is an affidavit of George W Arms, wherein he states that the said John Harrison was convicted upon a confession obtained from him, while working in the jail, by means that scared the defendant into a confession, assigning the reason that deponent tried to get the evidence in order to secure the reward of \$300 offered by the governor for proof to convict. And the deponent further alleging that he honestly believes that the said Harrison being an ignorant negro, and being scared made this confession through fear and under duress, being worked upon by the various methods set forth in this petition. If the effect of the guilty confession were obtained in such a manner and by such means as are alleged by deponent, it is manifest that such is not conducive to justice. And while I appreciate the fact that you were not the prosecuting attorney in this case being ill at the time, as solicitor of that circuit I respectfully request that you investigate the facts set forth in the petition, and the affidavit which I herewith return to you. I enclose complete record in order that you may note that an alibi is urged as a reason for the pardon. D. C. Heyward, Governor.

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J E W Hails. Chr Board of Co Control L C. May 5, 1905—1m.

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The Legend of the Sacks.

An ancient legend describes an old man traveling from place to place with a sack hanging behind his back and another in front of him. In the one behind him he tossed all the kind deeds of his friends, which were soon quite hidden from view and forgotten. In the one hanging around his neck, under his chin, he threw all the sins which his acquaintances committed; and these he was in the habit of turning over and looking at as he walked along day by day, which necessarily hindered his course.

One day, to his surprise, he met a man also wearing two sacks.

"What have you here?" He asked. "Why, my good deeds," replied number two. "I keep them all before me, and take them out and air them often."

"What is in the other big sack? It seems weighty." "Merely my little mistakes. I always keep them in the sack hanging over my back."

Presently the two travelers were joined by a third, who, strange to say, also carried two sacks, one under his chin and one on his back.

"Let us see the contents of your sacks," said the first two travelers.

"With all my heart," quoth the stranger, "for I have a goodly assortment, and I like to show them. This sack," said he, pointing to the one hanging in front of him, "is full of the good deeds of others."

"Your sack looks heavy; it must be very full," observed the old man.

"There you are mistaken," replied the stranger; "they are big but not heavy. The weight is only such as sails are to a ship. Far from being a burden, it helps me onward."

"Well, your sack behind can be of little use to you," said number two, "for it appears to be empty. And I see it has a great hole in the bottom of it."

"I did that on purpose," said the stranger, "for all the evil I hear of people I put in there, and it falls through and is lost. So, you see, I have no weight to drag me backward."

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And that is the proper thing to do. It is always refreshing to look upon the regiment of young women, handsomely gowned at these meetings, yet the tendency heretofore has been to entertain them in royal style while too many of the grizzled fighters in gray were sent to old warehouses to sleep on cotton and to be annoyed during the night by the rats. In a few years there will be no confederate soldiers left. When they have gone the sons and the daughters may dance but while the old men remain we should give them the preference and not make them secondary to the young women to the royal robes.—Greenville News.

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Bridges to Let.

I will let out a contract to build a new bridge over Twelve Mile creek on the Steele Creek road, near Coesola, to the lowest responsible bidder on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Also one to build a new or repair the old one over Six Mile creek, nearby, the same day, just after I get through with the above one.

Also one over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr Russell Barton's on Friday the 9th following at 9 o'clock a. m. The specifications of all to be made known at time of letting, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. M C Gardner, Co Supervisor. May 15, 1905.

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NOTICE.

The board of county commissioners in their meeting Monday passed a resolution to the effect that hereafter no magistrate in Lancaster county will be paid for holding a court unless it is impossible to get the necessary and then the magistrate must comply with the law by securing affidavits from three citizens of the immediate community that it is important that an request be held in the particular case under consideration. M C Gardner, County Supervisor.

Notice.

My regular office days will be Saturdays and first Mondays. All other days you will find me at my office near L & C depot. Will keep some books at office. I will be glad to wait on you any day in the week. W M Moore, Co-Sup. Lancaster. Jan 15, 1905.

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Notice of Election for an Alderman.

Whereas, John A Miller, lately one of the Aldermen of the town of Lancaster, has departed this life leaving a vacancy in said office, Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Lancaster in council assembled and by the authority of the same, that an election is hereby ordered to fill said vacancy, said election to be held on Monday the 5th day of June, 1905, the polls to be opened from 8 o'clock a. m., until 4 o'clock p. m., and that J C Foster, Amos McManus and J M Warwick be appointed managers to hold said election. Ratified this 6th day of May, 1905. (Signed) R. E. WYLIE, Mayor. C. D. JONES, Clerk and Treas.

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