

URNS DOWN CORLEY'S WARRANT

Constable's Claim Refused by Comptroller General—Letter.

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Comptroller General Jones has declined to honor the warrant for \$180 drawn in favor of P. H. Corley, as chief constable, on the governor's fund for the enforcement of law, and approved by the governor. The comptroller general says the warrant is drawn without law, and under the law he can not pay it. Mr. Corley accompanied the governor on the last half of the State campaign tour. He was formerly sheriff of Lexington county.

Rumors of Mr. Corley's warrant being turned down were heard on the street, and on being asked about the matter Comptroller General Jones submitted to the reporter the following letter he had written Mr. Corley, and also a statement of Mr. Corley's account:

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 16, 1912.

Mr. P. H. Corley, Chief Constable of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: I have statement of your claim for expenses, per diem and mileage, chief constable, in accordance with Section 721, Code of Laws, 1912, together with order or approval for payment out of the special fund for enforcement of the law, at the disposition of the governor.

I regret that I do not see my way clear to issue a warrant on the State treasurer for the payment of your claim. My declining to issue the warrant is because of Section 43 of the Appropriation Act of 1912, p. 986, which provides that no executive officer shall use any of the special funds appropriated to the department of which he is the head for paying for services in discharging duties imposed by law on any officer whose compensation was not provided for by this Appropriation Act.

It appears that you hold the office of chief constable of the State under the governor's appointment, as provided in Section 721 of the code, and that the legislature has made no provision for the compensation of such officer. The act under which you were appointed provides that you shall receive, when actually engaged in the public service, \$5 per day and 5 cents per mile for each mile actually travelled in the performance of your duties as your compensation, and without any provision for the payment of your expenses while so engaged.

It is clear, therefore, that the charge in your claim for railroad fare and hotel bills can not be paid you, because the statute does not provide for it. There is room for argument that the special fund for the enforcement of law, out of which the governor has ordered this claim to be paid, should be applicable to its payment, but in view of the direction of the legislature that no part of such fund shall be paid for services in discharging the duties imposed by law upon any officer whose compensation is not provided for by the appropriation act, I do not see my way clear to issue a warrant upon this fund for payment of your claim.

The question as to the construction of this act, is one which might be submitted to the court, and if they hold that your claim should be paid out of any special fund for the enforcement of law I will gladly issue the warrant. But until the courts so decide, I am forced to hold, as an executive officer, that no provision has been made by the legislature for payment of your claim, and that the warrant can not be issued therefor.

Respectfully,
A. W. Jones,
Comptroller General.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 14, 1912.
Statement of expenses of P. H. Corley, chief constable of South Carolina, during period from July 15, 1912, to date, as shown below:

Expenses to Greenville in connection with escape from jail of T. U. Vaughn:
Nine days, at \$5. \$45.00
Board. 9.00
Railroad fare, two trips. . . 7.20
..... \$61.20

Special services rendered in accordance with Section 721 of Revised Code of 1912:

Thirteen days' services at \$5. \$65.00
539 miles travel, at 5c. . . 26.95
Hotel bills shown below 27.10
..... \$180.25

Lexington, July 23. \$1.00
Saluda, July 24.75
Edgefield, July 25. 2.00
Aiken, July 26. 2.50
Lancaster, August 6. 1.25
Rock Hill, August 6. 1.25
Yorkville, August 7. 1.50
Gaffney, August 8. 1.75
Spartanburg, August 9. 2.10
Union, August 10. 1.50
Newberry, August 13. 2.00
Laurens, August 14. 1.50
Greenwood, August 15. 2.50
Abbeville, August 15. 2.50
Anderson, August 17. 2.50
Greenville, August 22. 2.00
..... \$27.10

The State of South Carolina.
To P. H. Corley, Columbia, S. C.

On account of special fund for enforcement of the law. Expenses, per diem and mileage as chief constable, in accordance with Section 721, Code of 1912, one hundred and eighty 25-100 dollars—\$180.25.

Order
Approved. Cole L. Blease,
Governor.

J. B. PARK CALLS FOR NEWBERRY CLUB ROLLS

Writes to F. H. Dominick Following Newberry Man's Refusal to Comply With Request.

Greenwood, Sept. 19.—J. B. Park, chairman of one of the two subcommittees appointed to investigate the recent primary election, was asked today what had been done in regard to the refusal of Fred. H. Dominick, chairman of Newberry county executive committee, to order an investigation for Newberry county. Mr. Park stated that he had written Mr. Dominick asking him to send the club

rolls and poll lists of Newberry county to him here so that the work could be done in Greenwood, but that so far he had not heard from Mr. Dominick. The following is a copy of the letter to Mr. Dominick:

"Greenwood, Sept. 17, 1912.

"Fred H. Dominick, County Chairman, Newberry.

"Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 16th in which you state that you will not assist us in the primary investigation by appointing a committee for your county to assist in the general work of investigation as outlined by me in my letter to you some days ago.

"Won't you please forward the club rolls and poll lists to me by express so that I can have the work done here? We were directed by resolution of the executive committee to do this work, and we hoped that we would have the assistance of the county executive committees of the several counties. Please make a list of the club rolls and poll lists which you send to me, so that I can sign a report for the same and return to you.
Yours truly,
"J. B. Park."

"Copy to John Gary Evans."

The original letter of refusal from Mr. Dominick was sent to John Gary Evans at Spartanburg with the following letter:

"Greenwood, Sept. 19, 1912.

"Hon. John Gary Evans, Spartanburg.

"Dear Sir: Herewith I am handing you a letter which I received today from Fred. H. Dominick, of Newberry, and a copy of letter which I am writing him. Won't you please write to Mr. Dominick and ask him to send these poll lists and club rolls to me?
Yours truly,
"J. B. Park."

Mr. Park stated that he had not received a reply from Mr. Dominick and that he did not know whether he would still refuse to assist in the investigation or not. He said, further, that almost all the county chairmen had promptly given their promise to aid in every way possible. When asked what counties had not as yet done so he mentioned Laurens and Newberry.

Both the chairman of Laurens and the chairman of Newberry are attorneys of record for Gov. Blease, Mr. Dominick in Newberry, and J. M. Cannon in Laurens.

While nothing specific was given out it was learned that some good work has been going on in several of the Piedmont counties and in other counties. The results of all this work will be brought out at the meeting in Spartanburg next week.

Mr. Dominick in his letter of refusal said:

"While personally I am not opposing an investigation no subcommittee will be appointed or any investigation ordered in this county, and I do not concede that you have any right to ask me to make such investigation, in the absence of specific charges."

PLAN FOR PROBE.

W. F. Stevenson Writes of Spartanburg Inquiry—Suggests Rules to Follow.

W. F. Stevenson, chairman of the subcommittee from the State Democratic executive committee to investigate the charges of fraud in the recent primary, has forwarded the State the proposed plan for the conduct of the inquiry which will be instituted at Spartanburg Tuesday, September 24.

Mr. Stevenson suggests certain rules for the approval of the committee at the meeting. He points out that the burden of proof is on those bringing the charges; the public may be heard in making charges; that in such counties as no proof of irregularity is shown such county should be passed; that only those counties will be investigated where tangible specifications are in hand; that it should be the endeavor of the committee to take up the contested counties one by one, beginning at Spartanburg and continue until completed.

Mr. Stevenson's communication in full is as follows:

To Messrs. Shand & Shand and F. G. Tompkins, Attorneys for Ira B. Jones, contestant, and F. H. Dominick and Eugene Blease, Attorneys for Cole L. Blease, contestant, and to John T. Duncan, contestant.

You will please take notice that the committee to investigate the late primary for governor will begin the taking of testimony at Spartanburg, S. C., on September 24, meeting at the county court house at 1 p. m.

Subject to the approval of the committee when it meets, it seems to the undersigned that the following rules should be followed:

- 1. That the burden of proving irregularities or fraud sufficient to annul the election or reverse the face of the returns rests upon those charging the same.
- 2. That since the entire public is as deeply interested and have been invited to furnish evidence of crookedness if known, the public will have the right to be heard in support of charges made and these making charges whether the public generally or the contestants should produce their proof in opening.
- 3. That the contestant has then the right to offer proof in rebuttal and the contestants in reply.
- 4. That where no proof is produced as to county, either by the contestants or by the public as heretofore requested, and the records as furnished the committee show nothing wrong, such county shall be passed as correct, proof of crookedness not having been forthcoming to overthrow the presumption of correctness which always prevails.
- 5. That applying such rules, only those counties will be investigated where tangible specifications are in hand, either produced by contestants, the public or appearing from the records collected by the subcommittee appointed heretofore, and it will be the endeavor of the committee to take up the counties and complete them one at a time, beginning at Spartanburg, this course to be varied as justice may require, of course.
- 6. The character of evidence and the

method of production will have to be determined by the committee from time to time as the questions arise.

These are tentatively laid down, subject, of course, to the approval of the committee, and you will please be ready to proceed at the time and place stated, as we hope to be in position by that time to go straight through the matter promptly.

W. F. Stevenson,
Chairman.

PLEASE LAWYERS MAKE DEMAND.

Want Specific Grounds of Election Contest and Copies of Affidavits.

In a notice served at Columbia by John M. Cannon, of Laurens, and Fred. H. Dominick, of Newberry, attorneys for Cole L. Blease, respondent, in the matter of the election contest for the governorship, Hon. R. W. Shand, Frank G. Tompkins and W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, attorneys for Ira B. Jones, demand is made that the Jones attorneys furnish the Blease attorneys with notice of the specific grounds of the contest, and with copies of affidavits that may be introduced at the Spartanburg hearing Tuesday.

The notice is as follows: "State of South Carolina, in the matter of the contest of Ira B. Jones, candidate for governor, vs. Cole L. Blease, candidate for governor. Before the State executive committee.

"To R. W. Shand, Frank G. Tompkins and W. H. Townsend, Esquires, attorneys for Ira B. Jones:

"Please take notice that, having served you heretofore with a notice and demand requiring you to 'make more specific and definite the grounds of your contest in the particulars mentioned and set forth in the reply of this respondent, so that this respondent may be informed plainly and clearly as to the matters contested, and may be prepared to meet them at any hearing that may be had in said proceedings,' said notice having been served upon you on the 4th day of September, 1912:

"We now further demand of you, in view of the meeting of the subcommittee of the State executive committee, to be held on the 24th day of September, 1912, at Spartanburg, S. C., that you serve us forthwith with such specific and definite grounds of your contest in the particulars mentioned and set forth in the reply of this respondent, so that this respondent may be informed plainly and clearly as to the matters contested, and may be prepared to meet them at any hearing that may be had in said proceedings.

"You will further take notice that we will object to the use of ex-parte affidavits before the committee at said hearing in said contest, and will require you to produce the witnesses to the charges made, where we may have opportunity to examine the same. But in the event that such affidavits may be admitted by the subcommittee, we now demand that you serve upon us forthwith such affidavits as you propose to produce before the committee at said hearing, so that we may have opportunity to reply thereto, or to investigate the manner in which said affidavits have been obtained or made."

AIKEN NOMINEE THREATENED.

Some More Election Echoes—Hugh Long Talks of Situation.

Aiken, Sept. 19.—Considerable interest attaches to the election in the recent second primary of Mr. Hugh Long to the house of representatives, in that it is reported that, as a direct result of his election, there have come, from the eastern section of the county, particularly Wagener—of which town he is the present mayor—and environs, alleged threats of dire violence to his person in the event that he should return to his home. These, however, have been merely rumors, and have never taken any material form.

When interviewed today upon this matter, Mr. Long, without any show of hesitancy, announced that he, too, had heard these rumors, but that he believed them to be without any very material foundation, since they had emanated from irresponsible sources. He admitted that, as a result of the spirit of local factionalism in Wagener, springing from the fact that two residents from the town were in the race for the house of representatives, considerable bitterness was felt by his non-supporters over his election.

However, Mr. Long stated that he accredited his strongest political enemies with the possession of too much manhood, too much strength of character and purpose, too high a sense of justice, to give vent to any such foolish threats, any such puerile bickerings, as have been received in Aiken, and alleged to have come from Wagener. And in this connection, he reiterated his belief that the threats had come from irresponsible persons, who were incapable of realizing the enormity of their expressions, thoughtlessly made, and without the sanction of his political opposers, for he said, it was foolish to make such threats, and would be more serious still to endeavor to execute them, simply because the majority of the voters of Aiken county had seen fit to select him as one of their representatives in the State legislative body.

Mr. Long stated today that several times during his absence from Wagener his office had been surreptitiously entered, even broken into, for the purpose, he believed, of gaining access to his private papers and such records as he might have on file.

Concluding the interview, Mr. Long stated that, as an evidence of his disbelief in the alleged threats of violence, he was certainly going back to Wagener, his home, so soon as he shall have made adjustment of certain political matters now demanding his attention and his presence in Aiken.

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