

LETTERS FROM DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN

In response to the invitation of the Committee to attend the complimentary dinner given to our Representative, the Hon. M. L. BOSHAM, at Edgely, on the 2nd of September.

Yours, &c. JAMES L. ORR. To Messrs. S. S. Tompkins, E. Seibels, J. B. Griffin, L. Butler, J. W. Hill, Committee.

CHARLESTON, August 21st, 1858.

Gentlemen: I regret that it will not be in my power to be present at the dinner which the citizens of Edgely District propose giving to their immediate Representative, the Honorable M. L. BOSHAM.

The honor of the South and of the State can never be in safer hands than those of your high-toned and esteemed Representative.

With renewed expressions of my regret at my inability to unite with you in doing honor to him, I am, gentlemen, with great respect, Very faithfully, Yours, W. POICHER MILES.

To Messrs S. S. Tompkins, Emmet Seibels, J. B. Griffin, Louden Butler, J. W. Hill, Committee.

GREEN SPRINGS, 28th Aug., 1858.

Gentlemen: It would give me great pleasure to bear testimony personally to the ability, fidelity and zeal, with which your distinguished Representative, Gen. BOSHAM, has maintained our common rights in the Congress of the United States.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, THO. WILLIAMS.

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Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., inviting me to a dinner to be given to your immediate Representative, the Hon. M. L. BOSHAM, at Edgely, on the 2nd of Sept. next.

I believe me, Gentlemen, nothing would afford me more real pleasure, than to unite with you and your friends in paying due honor to your noble and gallant representative, at the time and place above mentioned; but my peculiar situation and business relations, preclude my personal presence with you.

Surely, if there ever was a time, when the people of the South should stand by their representatives, when they have stood by them, that time has now arrived—and since the death of the lamented Quitman, your immediate representative stands alone in the South, as the faithful and undaunted standard bearer of the State Rights and Southern Rights flags, for in his vote on the conference bill so called, he bid defiance to the "triumphant influence of party."

I must regret to say, that in this State, there is a division among the people on the subject of this Conference Bill. Yet, I do not intend to let that any one man can be found, except our Senators and Representatives in Congress, who advocate the passage of this Bastard Statute.

It cannot be long, before the party now strong and increasing in power, will control the Government—and bring with them principles and doctrines so repugnant and degrading to the South, that our people will be ashamed to wear them; and that will be to arms. God grant I may err in this opinion. I love the Union given by the Constitution; but when both the Constitution and the consequent Union are so perverted, as to become instruments of degradation and oppression, the people who will calmly submit, deserve not the name of freemen.

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The Advertiser.

ARTHUR SIMKINS, EDITOR. EDGEFIELD, S. C. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1858.

Our sheet, it will be seen, is almost entirely occupied by matters pertaining to the complimentary dinner of Thursday last. We give place with cheerfulness, and will do so for a week or two, to come, if desired. After that, we shall find pleasure in presenting to our readers the different views of other gentlemen upon some of the same political points here held under discussion. Sicut utrumque partem.

LARGE POTATO. The largest potato of the season comes from Mr. J. H. SWANSON. It is a wopper.

FINE PEACHES. Mr. J. H. HOLLINGSWORTH has our best thanks for that basket of fine Lemon Peaches. It was one of the richest treats of the season.

COMMENDABLE. The proprietors of our drinking establishments, with most commendable propriety, closed their houses on Thursday last until after the political proceedings of the day were over. It is a good example, which deserves to be generally known. To this circumstance, the good order and harmony of the day were doubtless owing in part. Let not the precedent be forgotten.

THE POLITICAL LETTERS. Several of the letters on our first page, it will be observed, are of considerable length; and, upon the whole, the chief ones seem to be directly levelled at positions identical with those avowed by our Congressmen in their speech at the barbecue.

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