## MAYOR GRACE MAKES WARM REPLY TO BLEASE

Gives Out Statement Answering Governor's At tack.-Tells Why He Did Not Resent Epithets When Made by Blease.


## "Of course it wase anticipated by

 pelled at the Charleston meeting totake notice of, and, if he could, answer the charges which 1 have so
publicly made against him. There
was no was no escape from this necessity should attend the meeting, and with
my own ears hear what he had to say. My friends practically unan
mousty avisised me against it. As
nappened I was at the tate Bankers Convention
and had I cared to lend plausibility
to and my absence I Could readily have
to evaded it. But I determined, that come what might, it was my duty to
go to the meeting. As a Democrat,
I have never missed any of these meetings, and the only thing that
could have kept me away would have
been, whatever others might have thought of it, cowardice on my part.
"Having made up my mind, therebothered me was what attitude
should assume howsoever personal and bitter he he
might become. As I had deliberately deliberate abeuting I wat equally as
shours
should be. was mayor of Carireston; that then
hall was packed with men who,
the jury, would spring to my side
through a devotion that is unexcelled anywhere. The police force, while
composed largely of men loyal to me I would have required myself to do
its duty, and under the orders of the chairman
voted frie marily rembved from the hall, te
which extremity $I$ would have bowe in obedience to law. With these flooding my mind there was but one
view for me to take-to swallow and I think the public, from what
hear, approves of my course. MMoreorer, what did it matter
what Blease said? Did he not in the
very speen in which he so voiently
by indirection, denounced me, also give utterance to the rankest indecen-
cies and anarchy? Think of a the berp quing astion ty by hout he stood
his questat
his law) would bring him up to the stage
a drink of beer he would be better able to answer the question. of
course, it was griling to me to have
to sit and listen to Be sestes lis. idea of hist making it appeares tha
the beginning of our truble was when he refused to appoint a negr
potary public, whose appointment vor to gentlemen in Charleston
been, my political friends. Are
Messrs. Nathans and Sinkler also ne
gro lovers? And do they believe in
social equality? Certainly not. It it social equality? Certainly not. It
almost sickening to have to answe
such tommy-rot. The Dispensary Constables.
"There was but one cause, and
that was (as I said in a published
article recently,) Blease had broken
his public promise and his private his public promise and his private
word. I expected him to be governor
of South Carolina, and when he was ef South Carolina, and when he wappy. Any intimation
by him that I wished to usurp those
functions is more than absurd. In
the presence of many others he asked functions is more than absurd. In
the presence of many others he asked
me if I would name a man for chief
constable, and in their presence I denounced the whole proposition,
sia that I would hold him to his
word not to appoint any, as I knew
and had told him in writing, that they would be grafters. They have since demonstrated it. What more
proof does he need?
"Talk about facing Stothart: Witness after witness under oath faced
Stothart, and then finally Stothart
faced himself, and looking himself faced himself, and looking himself
and his own guilt, (and I believe,
Blease's mountainous guilt) in the
eye, he refused to answer on the
grounds that it might incriminate grounds that it might incriminate
himself. Why didn't Blease read the constable letter-the letter of a pro-
phetic warning which I wrote him phetic warning which I wrote him,
and in which I told him that he had
broken his word, rather than switch
off on the irrelative tangent of alleged social equality?
Blease's Threat.
"Of course, his nasty threa "Of course, his nasty threat about
the metropolitan police is in keeping
with the rest of his character, but it
is in no way disquieting. If it means is in no way disquieting. If it mean
anything it means simply this: U
to August 27 th, no matter what the people of Charleston do, the con stables will stay here as graft agents.
On August 28 th, if by their votes, the people of Charleston have resenttake it as a sufficient crisis in th
history of the State to justify his re sort to whatever extraordinary pow er he can stretch the laws to mean.
The metropolita police bill has been
repealed, but he refers to some

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