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## GOVERNOR'S REPLY TO GILREATH

Governor Tells His Part in Greenville Arrests—Declares He Advised Rector to Lay Vaughn's Story of Escape from Jail Before Solicitor and Act Under Latter's Instructions.

Columbia, Nov. 6.—Gov. Blease today gave out a copy of a letter he wrote to Mr. J. D. Gilreath, of Greenville, answering specifically the latter's question whether the governor ordered his arrest. The governor says in his letter that after Mr. Rector talked over the Vaughn escape charges with him he told him to consult Solicitor Bonham, and if the latter so advised him, then to make the arrests. The governor also relates the charges against Mr. Gilreath which had been reported to him. The letter in full follows:

"November 6, 1912.

"Mr. J. D. Gilreath, Greenville, S. C. Dear Sir: On November 1, 1912, I received the following telegram from you.

"Greenville, S. C., November 1, 1912. "Governor Blease, Columbia, S. C.: "Did you order my arrest. Kindly wire at my expense.

"(Signed) J. D. Gilreath."

To which I replied as follows: "Columbia, S. C., November 1, 1912. "J. D. Gilreath, Greenville, S. C.:

"Your wire. Primary obligations, in my opinion, bind all parties. The violation of the oath in one instance relieves all others therefrom. If my wire is to be used against a Democratic nominee, I shall remain silent.

"(Signed) Cole L. Blease."

At that time I was reliably informed that Mr. Rector was the Democratic nominee for sheriff of Greenville county, and that one, Virden, was a candidate on the independent ticket. My first duty, as a democrat, was to the nominee of the democratic party, and to use every effort to secure his election, and most assuredly to do nothing which would cause his defeat; hence, my reply to you at that time.

Since the majority of the people of Greenville County have stood to their colors and shown to the world that they are not perjurers, but that they, like true men, have abided by the oath which they took when they swore to support the nominees of the democratic party, I now take pleasure in answering the question in your telegram specifically.

Mr. Hendrix Rector called me over the long distance telephone and stated that Vaughn had made a confession, in which he had said that Ex-Sheriff Gilreath, Jailer Phillips and another person, whose name I now do not remember, were the ones who had released him from the county jail; and that he (Rector) had other testimony, which went to show the truthfulness of Vaughn's statement. I advised Mr. Rector to go to Solicitor Bonham and lay the facts before him, and if he (the solicitor) thought them sufficient, to immediately issue warrants for the arrest of all of the parties. The next information I received over the 'phone was from a gentleman whose name I understood to be Morris; he stated that Rector had had warrants sworn out for these three parties and that he had gone into the country to arrest one of them and that as soon as he returned he was going to arrest Gilreath, and requested, on behalf of Rector, not to allow any person or persons to have any communication whatever with Vaughn, as they felt some of the parties or their friends would come and induce Vaughn to change his statement. The next information I received was from Mr. Rector, who stated that he had arrested the three parties and that they were in the county jail.

Mr. Jock Power then took the 'phone and stated to me that Rector had succeeded in arresting the parties, and there was a great deal of feeling, and jokingly remarked that if they put Rector in jail that I must stick to him. I replied to him that I would. This is, in substance, the entire conversation had over the 'phone, and I did not direct the arrest of any of these parties, but advised Mr. Rector to consult with the solicitor and if he thought the testimony sufficient, to make the arrest; and when I was 'phoned that the arrests had been made, I presumed they had been made after consultation with the solicitor.

Sheriff Poole, came to the Mansion on Sunday, October 27, and told me that Vaughn had made a confession and told me who had done the work in releasing him from jail, implicating the three parties, whom I am informed have been arrested. He asked me what to do. I did not intimate to him what Rector had said to me over the 'phone, because Rector had requested me not to say anything about the conversation. I told Sheriff Poole that if he had sufficient testimony to proceed to have the parties arrested and referred him to Chief State Constable P. H. Corley, who had been in Greenville, working on the case for some time, for such further assistance as he might be able to give. After some further conversation the sheriff asked me to write a certain communication, which he

thought would assist him materially in the matter. I told him that I would do this, which I did not do later because Rector, having had the arrests made, the communication would have been of no value.

As the sheriff was leaving, he said that it would take Monday and possibly Tuesday to get the matter in proper shape. I told him to go by Corley's home and take him to Greenville with him, and to proceed in the entire matter at once.

Thus, you will see, that I only ordered your arrest upon condition, which condition was that Mr. Rector was to consult with the solicitor, and if he (the solicitor) thought the evidence sufficient, to convict, that the arrests then be made. If Mr. Rector consulted Solicitor Bonham and Solicitor Bonham told him to proceed, then I presume it could be truthfully stated that I ordered the arrests.

I will further state, for your information, that I was informed, first, that Mr. Vaughn boarded at your father's home while he was attending school at Furman University, and that he and you were good friends; second, that at the time of Mr. Vaughn's escape you owed him \$2,000; third, that you were a candidate for sheriff, and that Vaughn's escape would cause, and did cause, Sheriff Poole's defeat; that these were the motives which prompted you. In addition to this, the confession of Mr. Vaughn, as I have stated above to you, coming from Rector and Poole and affidavit from one Alexander, who was in the jail at the time, swearing that he saw you there assisting Vaughn and knew it to be you.

I do not state that any of these facts are true. It is simply the information which came to me, and there are men in the penitentiary today on much less evidence than these facts, and for this reason Mr. Rector was directed to see Solicitor Bonham, and Solicitor Bonham, I presume, knowing all of the parties and knowing what credence to give their testimony, would be in a position to advise, I was not in a position to advise direct and did not do so.

I have been somewhat lengthy in this reply to you, but have set the facts out fully, in order that you might thorough understand my position in the matter as well as your own. Very respectfully,  
Cole L. Blease,  
Governor.

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The Information from Columbia is to the Effect That He is Now Being Mentioned Prominently for U. S. District Attorneyship.

Columbia, Nov. 7.—Attorney General Fraser Lyon is being prominently mentioned for United States district attorney to succeed Mr. Cochran and the friends of the popular and able attorney general are confident that he will be the man. This is, of course, all possible because Woodrow Wilson was yesterday elected president of the United States, the first democrat to be chosen for that office for 20 years.

Mr. Lyon is rounding out his third term as attorney general and he has made an enviable career in that office. He was elected on the anti-dispensary platform in 1906 and did valiant service in breaking up the G. M. I., and in ferreting out the corruption of that old institution.

Although fought bitterly at every turn and faced by odds which would have daunted a less courageous and public spirited servant, Mr. Lyon never swerved but did his duty to his state.

Mr. Lyon's experience in the office of attorney general peculiarly fit him for the office of district attorney and his friends are hoping that he will be appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to succeed the present incumbent, Mr. E. F. Cochran of Anderson, whose term expires on the fourth of next March.

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