

Tillman and Griffin.

The following correspondence between Governor Tillman and Dr. P. E. Griffin, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, was given to the press yesterday afternoon.

The first letter of the series is from Governor Tillman and is as follows:

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 5, 1891.

Dear Sir: In your letter to the Regents, a copy of which was handed me last week, you complain of unfair treatment and an ex parte examination of witnesses by the committee.

I beg to remind you that when the investigation was begun no charges had been preferred against any one, and the committee, including myself, looked to getting at the truth only—finding out if anything was wrong with the institution or its management.

The constitution imposes the responsibility for the fitness and efficiency of the officers and employees of the asylum upon me. I must perform my duty, however disagreeable it may be, and yet I will give you the fullest opportunity to exonerate yourself if you can.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly were charged with the duty not of investigating the Superintendent of the Asylum, but of the institution as a whole.

Their preliminary report called to my attention certain facts in reference to the management of the institution upon which I alone as Governor have the power to act, for I alone, under the Constitution, am given the power to appoint its officers and employees, and even the Legislature cannot remove such persons as are thus appointed.

3. This being so, I alone am the judge to decide whether the charges contained in the report of the investigating committee are true, and if so, what is my duty. There is no need to bring the investigating committee back here to hear your defense, if you desire to make any, for I can hear the testimony of your witnesses and have offered to accord you the privilege of cross-examination of those witnesses who testified before the committee, and this can be had in public and with counsel if you wish it.

4. The examination by the committee was made in secret to prevent collusion among witnesses and to guard against intimidation. All of the employees of the Asylum had been appointed by yourself or the Regents, without color of law; and many witnesses testified unwillingly, seeming to fear the loss of place.

5. All your fine writing about the Spanish Inquisition and the "Star Chamber of England" may appeal to the sympathy of certain people, but you are mistaken when you say: "The investigation under your (my) guidance has hitherto proceeded only in the spirit of fault-finding before a court which, for whatever purpose in defiance of justice and in breach of their faith, have prejudged my case in court."

The investigating committee and myself must be satisfied that we tried to arrive at the exact truth and nothing more. There has not been and is not now the least animus or personal feeling. The committee, acting as a grand jury, have framed an indictment and sent in the testimony. Both were furnished you, and I naturally expected you would ask an opportunity to disprove the charges, but instead you write a labored defense addressed to the Regents but intended solely to influence public opinion.

The Regents had nothing to do with the matter, and their flatterer endorsement of your official conduct cannot disprove facts and may prove a boomerang for themselves.

6. Without touching on other matters brought out in the testimony numerous witnesses testify that the man Milne, whom you characterize as a "crank," and who Dr. Corbett says is "morally insane," by which I understand he has a depraved nature which would not hesitate to gratify any passion or appetite. This man for months has been permitted to have a key which would open the door of any of the female wards or any room in those wards. He had such a key before he was allowed to go to North Carolina last year. How long is not known, and he obtained another which he says you gave him when he returned last fall. It was so notorious that he had these keys, while he had a similar key to the male wards and thus go in and out of any ward in the building at any time, that none of the old employees seemed to think it worth while to tell you, as they all thought you knew it and permitted it. If these witnesses have testified the truth, to say nothing of the other testimony about the infrequency of your visits to many wards, it shows your supervision and knowledge of what was going on in the institution to be very slight. It proved that you have been grossly negligent and culpably careless in watching over the unfortunate female patients entrusted to your care.

There is nothing to show that Milne ever used or abused his opportunities, but the mind results at and the imagination is sickened by the thought of what could have happened and what may have happened. Without taking these things for granted and removing you promptly, I submitted the testimony to the Regents and to yourself. You did not ask me to redeem my promise but addressed your reply to the Regents, and when I offered again to give you a hearing you accused me of "fault-finding" and unfairness, charged the committee with having prejudged my case, and add: "It is only left for me to submit to the consequences which your letter in advance threat-

ened against me. This is mere trifling and you know it. I promised you a fair trial and am ready to give it to you, when, how and where you will, provided it is speedy. The law as I have already said, allows me no option in judging your case myself, and while you may feel a contempt for "such a tribunal," the people whose servant I am must judge between us. I beg to remind you in conclusion that I was informed by a mutual friend last December "that it was your purpose to resign in the Spring, but if you were to be insisted upon I would do so then."

My reply was: "I knew no reason why you should be removed at all, and certainly no discourtesy would be shown you. Your friends and some newspapers charged that you were being persecuted, and that the investigation of the Asylum was instituted for the purpose of making room for some of my political adherents. I can only regret, as things have turned out, that for your own sake you had not resigned before the storm burst, and shall be glad if you can prove that these things are not true, and will add that while I have necessarily been on the lookout for your successor, I have not found a man to my liking. It is the most important office in the State, and I would be the last man to allow political motives to influence my choice."

Yours respectfully,
B. R. TILLMAN, Governor.

To this letter Dr. Griffin, it seems, made no response and on yesterday Governor Tillman sent him the following:

COLUMBIA, May 18, 1891.

Dr. P. E. Griffin, Superintendent, Columbia, S. C.

Sir: I have waited patiently to see whether you would make any reply to my letter of May 9, or ask for a trial. None has come and I am forced to conclude that you do not desire such a trial. I therefore write to ask that you send in your resignation as Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

Respectfully,
B. R. TILLMAN, Governor.

News and Courier, May 21.

The promised letter of reply from Dr. Griffin to Governor Tillman, as follows:

OFFICE LUNATIC ASYLUM, COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20, 1891.

To His Excellency B. R. Tillman, Governor—Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in which you ask me to tender my resignation of the office of superintendent of the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum.

This came to me while I was engaged in the preparation of my reply to your communication of the 9th inst. which had been duly received. It contained no intimation of any public exigency requiring especial haste, while the urgent and extraordinary demands upon me at the Asylum during the Centennial week made it impossible for me to give to this matter full and adequate consideration.

With this explanation I trust your Excellency will acquit me of any imputation of discourtesy to you, or of any indifference to the statements presented in your letter of the 9th instant. A reply in detail to all the statements will be only a reiteration of what had already been presented to you and to the public; but there is one assertion to which I deem it my duty to call special attention. In Section 4 of your letter it is stated that "all of the employees at the Asylum had been appointed either by yourself or the regents without color of law."

Now your Excellency must surely know that Section 1533 of the General Statutes enacts that "the regents of the Lunatic Asylum shall form a body corporate in deed and in law, for all the purposes of the said institution, with all the powers incident to corporations, and that they are hereby authorized and empowered to make and establish all rules, regulations and by-laws for the government of the institution." The by-laws now in force, of which you have a copy, distinctly gives to the superintendent the right to appoint and discharge, with the consent of the regents, all employees and subordinate officers with the single exception of treasurer.

In accordance with the instructions of Gov. Tillman, Dr. Griffin, who for thirteen years has been superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, relinquished control thereof to Dr. Thompson, who is now in temporary charge. Dr. Thompson to-day visited the Governor and told him that he would take charge.

Dr. Griffin will leave Columbia followed by the respect and best wishes of the people of Columbia, who will always regard him as a gentleman of integrity and ability.

Dr. Griffin was seen by a reporter last night, and when asked if he would comply with the Governor's orders to vacate the office and turn it over to Dr. Thompson, he replied that his letter to the Governor clearly indicated his position.

He said that while he expected the Governor to dismiss him he at one time thought of fighting the matter in the courts, but after consultation with friends he had finally concluded to rest his case with the people. He felt confident that should he go to the courts he would be vindicated, but he believed that the good people of the State and he was content to leave it to their judgment. His character was all that he cared for and he felt that his correspondence with the Governor exonerated him.

As far as the office was concerned he did not care to keep it. He had announced just before Governor Tillman came into office that he intended to resign in April and he fully determined to carry out that intention until charges were made against him. After that he determined to fight the matter to the end, and now he felt he had been entirely vindicated.

Dr. Griffin said that he appreciated the kindness of the people of Columbia during his residence here, and he felt that he had many friends here. He stated that he would turn over the affairs of the institution to Dr. Thompson to-day, and that he would make arrangements to vacate as soon as possible.

Dr. Griffin expects to locate in Charleston where he will set up an office for the treatment of nervous diseases. With his skill in such matters he will probably find a large practice awaiting him.

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It is also well known that the exterior doors are secured by inside bolts which no one can operate.

I feel confident that a calm and impartial consideration would show that there were really no "opportunities" which would cause "the mind to revolt or the imagination to sicken."

In your letter requesting my resignation it is stated that you are "forced to conclude that you do not wish such a trial."

After mature consideration of the whole matter I feel constrained to decline to tender my resignation while there are charges against me.

I trust your Excellency will pardon the suggestion that there remains but three solutions of this unpleasant controversy; a withdrawal of the charges, or impeachment before the Senate of the State, or summary dismissal from office by the Governor.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your obedient servant.

P. E. GRIFFIN.

The following letter was also enclosed in the envelope which contained Dr. Griffin's reply:

OFFICE LUNATIC ASYLUM, COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20, 1891.

Dr. P. E. Griffin, Superintendent, South Carolina Lunatic Asylum, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: I regret to note in the published correspondence between Governor Tillman and yourself that his Excellency in quoting me as to the moral insanity of my resignation makes an application which, I think, will not be sustained by my testimony; certainly not by what I meant to convey. An explanation may not be amiss, for it is due to the Governor that he be prevented, under misapprehension, from doing injustice to anyone; it is due that you full justice be done you, and it is due to myself that my position be not misconstrued.

Moral insanity is quite a different condition from moral depravity, and the one cannot be inferred from the other. It is, well, also, to consider that there are various degrees and tendencies of this affliction.

I still hold my expressed opinion of Mr. Milne, and it is not inconsistent with these views to say that in no sense and at no time has the safety of the female patients been endangered by the liberty you allowed him. There was nothing in his history or reputation that would have caused the slightest uneasiness in that particular. Very truly yours, L. G. CORBETT.

The reply of Governor Tillman was immediately given as follows:

COLUMBIA, May 20, 1891.

Dr. P. E. Griffin, Superintendent, Columbia, S. C.—Sir: Your letter of to-day is received. As you leave me no alternative I hereby notify you that you are removed as superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum and order you to turn over the office, etc., to Dr. Thompson, who will assume temporary control of the institution.

Yours respectfully,
B. R. TILLMAN, Governor.

The following was also promptly sent:

COLUMBIA, May 26, 1891.

Dr. J. L. Thompson—Sir: Dr. P. E. Griffin has been removed as Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum. You will take charge of the office and assume the duties of superintendent until his successor has been appointed.

Yours respectfully,
B. R. TILLMAN, Governor.

Columbia Record, May 21.

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An Ocean Race Over 12,000 Miles.

Two big sailing vessels of different model and build had just finished a race of over 12,000 miles. Both vessels dropped anchor in the Lower Bay on Monday afternoon, and came up to their docks yesterday. The Gov. Robie is a Yankee clipper, a wooden vessel built and owned at Bath. Capt. Hale commands her, and he won the race. The defeated craft is the Holyrood of Liverpool. She is constructed of iron, and is nearly 950 tons heavier than her rival. She left Calcutta on Jan. 23 filled to the lurches with jute and other valuable merchandise. While the cargo was being put aboard the Gov. Robie was in port getting a load of the same articles. Both vessels were bound for the same port, and the two skippers, boasting as to the speed of their respective craft, agreed that the captain of the vessel which reached New York second should buy clothes and hats and such things for the winner. The Holyrood left first, and the little Yankee clipper did not get under way until three days later. Both ships experienced all kinds of w-ather, and on Monday, at 118 p. m., the little Yankee was sighted off Sandy Hook. Thirty-two minutes later the Holyrood hove in sight. The Gov. Robie made the 12,000 miles in 94 days, an average of five miles an hour, against 97 days for the English boat.

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