

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF DALLAS!

Fellow-Citizens:

As the day for the Convention approaches, the all-absorbing question is; who will you put into position as County officers?

The first point to be examined into carefully will be, is the man who asks your suffrages a true, a tried Republican, one whom from his past record you can safely trust, one who has not recently embraced Republicanism, to make it a stepping stone to some fat office? We should honor with office only those who have been with us through good and evil report, only those whose devotion to the party has been so earnest as to subject them to the curses and maledictions of our opponents, men who have fought your battles from the first up to the present—and above all, put men into position who have always shown a proper respect for the constituency, the voters, that hold the power of placing men in power and position. Some of the men who are asking you for office at this time are but recent converts to Republicanism are men who saw no beauty in the party till their eyes were opened by a prospect of getting a paying office.

You will agree with us when we say that those who have tried to destroy the laboring element of this country are not Republicans to be honored by you, nor should you elevate to positions of honor and trust those who have boasted that they can, for a few dollars, influence the colored men of this County to vote any way they may ask them. This is a vile slander upon your race and if you are true to yourselves you will not fail to rebuke the purse proud aristocrats who have made this boast. I learn P. D. Barker aspires to the office of Tax Collector of Dallas County. Now every colored man of Dallas County must know that until recently Barker has been considered to be a Democrat. Do you not recollect that he made a trip to California to try to bring into Dallas County the Heathen Chinees to take your place on all the plantations in Dallas County because he said the colored laborers were not reliable—and yet he has the impudence to proclaim himself a Republican, but at the same time has been trying to keep you from having a chance to work those farms you were raised on, to make bread for your wives and children. He has publicly proclaimed that he could take fifty dollars and change any Republican Convention, thus asserting you could be bought and sold like sheep. Is this the proper respect to show you, by one who wants office at your hands? If he thinks thus of you what can you think of him? Republicans, beware! The man who buys will sell. He cannot be depended on in the hour of trial.

Another new convert to Republicanism is one J. M. Thomas who asks you to make him Tax Collector. What has this new issue of office-seekers ever done for your party? Nothing whatever. When did he join our party? Nobody knows. W. A. Brantley, sheriff, says he was a Democrat when he served under him as Deputy Sheriff. What brought him into notice? The money he captured from J. Polk Shelby, in Virginia. What did Jere Haralson testify to in the Mayor's Court not more than a month ago? He said J. M. Thomas said, in Aicardi's bar-room, that he could whip J. N. Haney, J. S. Diggs, or any other d—d Radical son of a b—h. J. M. Thomas is a bird of passage. He has no interest in the future of the colored man—all he wants is office. If he had any friendship for Republicans the Democrats would not have made him Marshal at the Fair Grounds. And if P. D. Barker had been a "dyed in the wool" Republican the Democrats would not have made him Treasurer at the Fair Grounds. Republicans, beware of those two new converts to your party, P. D. Barker and J. M. Thomas. You are gone to h—l in a hand basket if you touch either of them. They have already spent thousands of dollars, trying to buy an office—and it is hoped they will spend all they can raise. Take all they offer you, but when the time comes to vote, cast your ticket against P. D. Barker and J. M. Thomas, and vote for a well-tried Republican. Barker has already squandered six thousand dollars of the public school money, by stopping the public schools, and by putting incompetent men to teaching schools upon the promise to support him for office. P. D. Barker has possession of three good of-

fices, now. If he gets the Tax Collector's office he will probably want to be Governor, also—and State Treasurer. Republicans, can you stand to be thus humbugged by *Pee Dee B-a-r-k-e-r*?

When any colored voter visits the residence of P. D. Barker, he receives him in his back yard and talks to him from his back door steps. Is this respecting your manhood? Barker's name will become *Bark-*(you) if you allow him to get any more offices. He will take everything you have got, in order to collect your poll taxes; so will J. M. Thomas. Those office-seekers who pay out large sums of money to get office will get it back again, by oppressing the tax payers. Beware of Barker and Thomas if you want your party to prosper. If J. M. Thomas was elected he could not make the bond without selling out to the Democrats, as W. A. Brantley has done. It is questionable whether he could make it under any circumstances. W. A. Brantley is totally unfit. He spells correct, with a *k*; enquire, with a *c*. He spells office, (which he holds), *offace*; also, *aulso*. Will you put such an ignoramus as Brantley in office? I think not. If Brantley were to write a tax-payer a receipt for eighty dollars he would spell eighty, *atety*.

Brantley's grand and petit juries have damaged the Republican party more than anything else in the County, and if he gets elected Tax Collector he will grind the poor men of the Republican party to powder. W. A. Brantley joined the Republican party to get rid of paying for some slaves he bought during the war, and has no use for it now, except to make money out of it. Who did he promise to make jailor? *Answer*—Thomas Walker, a colored man and a member of the Alabama Legislature. Did he do it? No; he appointed Tom Walker Deputy, and sent him in Dublin and Plantersville beat, among the kuklux. He did this to get rid of Tom. Did he treat Tom. Walker like he treats Holloway and Houston and Gibson and Quartemus? *Answer*—No; he made Tom. Walker carry down the slops and dung from the cells. Who is jailor now? *Answer*—Old man Morrison, who is not known as a Republican, and who let five prisoners get out of the jail, at one pop. If Brantley lets prisoners get away from him, numbering five at a pop, there is no telling how much of the County money he will let get away from him. Allowing five prisoners to escape is equal to losing \$10,000 of the people's money. How many colored men did W. A. Brantley put on the list of jurors, he furnished to the supervisors? *Answer*—300. How many should he have put on? *Answer*—5000. How many colored men has he averaged on his grand and petit juries? *Answer*—3. How many should he have averaged? *Answer*—8. Who tried to get Republicans indicted? *Answer*—W. A. Brantley. Who tried to turn John H. Henry out of office as City physician? *Answer*—W. A. Brantley. Who slandered R. M. Moore, the City marshal, and tried to have him removed from office? *Answer*—W. A. Brantley. What did the committee say that investigated Brantley's charges against Dr. Henry? *Answer*—Said there was no truth in Brantley's charge. What did the committee report in regard to the charges against Col. Moore? *Answer*—That there was not only no truth in Brantley's allegation but that he had maliciously attacked Col. Moore, and recommended that W. A. Brantley be expelled from the City Council for lying.

Who does P. D. Barker put in United States Internal Revenue Collector's office? *Answer*—Democrats. Who are they? *Answer*—W. L. Corbin and the Ferguson family. Who will be put in the Collector's office of this County if Barker is elected? *Answer*—The same men. Who knows he went to California to get the Heathen Chinees to put in the negroes place? *Answer*—J. M. Thomas, R. C. Goodrich, J. L. Minor and others.

Who kept a Republican County physician from visiting the prisoners in the jail and admitted a Democrat? *Answer*—W. A. Brantley. Who shot at Tom. Harrell, a colored man, five times? *Answer*—W. A. Brantley.

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