

OUR ENDORSEMENT.

NEW IBERIA, June 30, 1874.

Mr. J. Y. Gilmore, Editor of the Louisiana Sugar-Bowl:

DEAR SIR—We take the liberty of saying that we have not been uninterested and unsympathising spectators of your present brave struggle against official corruption and oppression. Certainly there is no right dearer to the people than that of freely criticising official misdemeanors, and official misconduct. Surely there is no more sacred duty than that of the public journalist, to sound the alarm and to uncover to public gaze and scorn and to bring to public punishment, official misdoers. The brief authority of office is no screen against investigation, and an official villain has no immunity against public exposure. A sad day, indeed, will it be when malefactors in the offices of the people, freed from all restraint, shall be allowed to trample, with impunity, upon the people's rights, sentiments and repugnance to dishonesty.

The cause, then, in which you are enlisted is not yours individually, but that of the whole community—of the whole people; at least of that respectable portion whose interests depend upon defeating dishonest schemes, official speculation, spite and tyranny, and in bringing shameless dishonesty and impudence to the stake of public punishment.

This being the base of your late criticisms and exposure of certain officers of this District, you hold a position against which vindictive malice may dash forever, but in vain.

The whole community feels that the late arbitrary judicial proceedings against you, and particularly your arrest and spiriting away to another parish, there to answer to a truthful exposure made in this, are outrages upon itself, individually and collectively; and it finds in these venomous acts the conclusive proofs against him who instigated and directed them, of a guilty conscience blindly seeking revenge.

Appreciating your loyal services in the interest of honest people and of free journalism, while we regret the discomforts to which you may have been subjected, we bid you God speed for the right, and remain

Your Obedt Servants, etc., etc.,

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