

To whom it may concern -

Whereas, one
Wm. Reese claiming and pretending to be
an execution officer of the State of North
Carolina, has exhibited to me a document
purporting to be a warrant issued by one
pretending to exercise the functions and have
the authority of a magistrate by virtue of
an appointment, derived from a pretended
government, of the so-called State of North
Carolina; and whereas the Congress of the United
States on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1867, by
an act entitled "An Act for the more effe-
cient government of the rebel states"; proclaimed
that "no legal state government now exists" in the
"rebel state" of North Carolina, and whereas said
act was, on the 4th day of said month, pub-
lished by official authority and proclaimed to
be a part of the supreme law of the land, and
to be obeyed and respected by each by
all citizens of the United States; Therefor-
be it known, that as a citizen of the Uni-
ted States, I will in no manner recognize or
obey the authority of any pretended state
government in said "rebel state" nor the pow-
er or authority of any magistrate of the same
but will resist to the extent of my power all at-
tempts to exercise such authority as would
infringe the rights of the citizens of the

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a violation of the supreme law of the
land -

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto affixed my hand this 8th day of June
A.D. 1867 -

A. W. Tourgee

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