

"What has become of the \$3500?"

Edison Raleigh News: entitled "Little Transactions" in your issue of the 20th inst. you ask the involving \$8500. in which above question and I ask the use of your columns for a reply.

An action was brought by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville against James J. Moore late Sheriff of said County, and the sureties on his official bond to Fall Term 1876 of the Superior Court of said County. Mr. Harefall was the regular Attorney for the Board and had been for a considerable time - I was associated with him in this action, and, soon after, ^{in the} practice of the law in that county. The suit was for ^{Mer-}chants Tax, for the year 1874 -

for the year 1874 -	\$654.64
for the year 1875	824.23
Total amt as shown by Bill of Particulars -	\$1478.87

The sureties of Sheriff Moore came forward and said that they did not wish to delay the cause by pleading; that they would have to pay whatever amount was found against them and they simply wished to be allowed such credits as they were justly entitled to receive - ^{and then desired to pay} ~~judgment~~ what they were required to do and have in said of their liability & judgment was accordingly entered ^{by their consent} for the above amount with some interest making the sum of \$1512.50 with

~~To that judgment~~ this agreement ~~was~~ appended.

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As to the proceedings which occurred after ~~the~~
~~some~~ the signing of this judgment and agree-
ment I know nothing except what I gather
from a copy of a report made to the Board
of Commissioners by Mr. Horsfall in our
name, which is as follows -
dated Feb'y 9th 1847.

Mr. Horsfall was the regular attorney for
the Board, had been such for a long time,
and was upon the ground, while I was in Ras-
sigh. He, therefore, attended entirely to the ascer-
tainment of the credits to be allowed. Whether he
acted properly or improperly I cannot say. I am
aware, however, that there was a large amount
of fees for which the county was liable ^{to} ~~for~~
Mr. Moon and which there was ~~no~~ evidence
had ever been paid to him or allowed in
any settlement. Insert*

I suppose there were allowed as credits for the
relief of the ~~Boardman~~ ^{Boardman} ~~committees~~. They certainly ought to have
been, and if I had been present at the time
of that investigation I should, with my pres-
ent lights, have sanctioned their allowance.

There may be some who think that these bondsmen should have been made to pay the amount of the judgment to the county, dollar for dollar, and then taken county orders worth fifty or sixty cents on the dollar for the amount due Moore to satisfy ~~an order~~ make good their loss. If there be such a man, he is not only a scoundrel but so near of a fool as to be almost ~~that he is~~ ^{to the county} unworthy of pity as well as contempt. If the bondsmen were liable for Moore's default so default they were in common justice entitled to his credits - against the county to make them whole. ~~I~~ ^I am also informed that a large amount of the very taxes for which ~~he~~ ^{they} was sued had been collected and accounted for by his successor - and his deputy ~~and~~

~~suppose there also were allowed~~
 Not a cent of money or other value has ever been received by me or by your correspondent "North Carolina" had read the report to which he refers, he would have seen that the money received by me from M. S. Littlefield, was in 1869, a year and a half after the Convention of 1868, and if he is anxious to investigate my private affairs and will call at my office he will ~~see~~ ^{will learn} that it was a loan made to me for the purchase of property, which by the terms of the notes given was made liable for its payment. I have never denied the receipt of the money ^{any more than any other party debt +}

As to ~~the~~ "Subscriber" and his charge that I am the author of "miscellaneous novels", I have only to say, that I am very ~~would be only too glad to have been~~ ^{would be only too glad to have been} willing to ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~at them~~ ^{at them} ~~only hope he is~~ ^{only hope he is} ~~equally clear of being the author of "miscellaneous facts"~~ ^{equally clear of being the author of "miscellaneous facts"} ~~be equally just to his "miscellaneous facts"~~ ^{be equally just to his "miscellaneous facts"} ~~regeneration facts!~~ ^{regeneration facts!}

Respectfully -
 A. H. Sawyer

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