

Written in 1860.

Sometime during last winter, a box containing some 150 copies of Hefner's Impending Crisis came to Raleigh, directed to some person at High Point, N.C.

The agent of the Express Co. at Raleigh reported the fact to Holden, one of the editors of the "Standard", and Judge Saunders was also let into the secret. It was the books were permitted to come on to High Point, but a warrant was issued & sent on for the arrest of the person to whom they were directed, if he should call for, or circulate them. The man was sick when the books arrived, and great excitement existing on account of the arrival of

others, he never called for them.  
In fact it is stated that they  
had been sent to his address,  
without his knowledge.

Recently, these books, some  
150 in no. were taken out  
and burnt in the public  
square at High Point. The  
"Reporter", a paper printed at  
that place, states that they  
made a beautiful fire.

A few questions arise  
from the preceding account.  
By what authority did the A-  
gent at Raleigh, Holden, and  
Judge Saunders, find out what  
the box contained? What  
right have they to be prying  
into boxes or packages that  
are sent from one part  
of the country to another?  
Or, has it come to such a  
pass in this boasted land of  
liberty that there must be a

Censorship of what people are  
to read and not to read?

On the 12th of May 1521.  
Thos. Wolsey, accompanied by lords,  
prelates, Ambassadors &c. followed  
by a long line of mules, bearing  
chests covered with brilliant  
hangings, was seen marching in  
stately procession, his mules  
carrying the writings of Martin  
Luther, the poor monk of  
Wittenberg ~~to be burnt~~.

The Bishop of Rochester  
preached, after which the  
volumes were burnt.

"Juch" says the historic  
"was the first intelligence  
England received of the  
Reformation." He also states  
that Henry VIII. would not  
stop here. He wrote vs.  
Luther, which so pleased  
the Pope, that he conferred

on him the title of Defender of the Faith."

As Holsey & Co. burnt the writings of Luther in 1521, in ~~order~~ as they thought to stop the Reformation, - so the mob at High Point in 1860 had burnt 450 copies of Hoelper's Book. From the "Reporter's" statement however, we do not learn that there were any mules concerned in the affair in High Point, - but the presumption is, that there were, animals present which might, in some respects be classed among the "doutey" tribe.

The priesthood in the days of Henry VIII, and Leo, thought by burning the writings of the Reformers to put a stop to one of the greatest changes

that has ever taken place in human affairs, - a change which gave to the people civil and religious liberty. The ~~but they were unsuccessful~~ pro-slavery party in 1860 think by burning the writings of Hoelper, to put a stop to the spirit of freedom which is now so powerfully at work throughout this broad Union. They cannot stop it, they cannot kill the truths. The truths contained in that little pile of books still existed after they had been reduced to ashes. It ill becomes the people of N. C. standing as they do lowest in the scale of intelligence, to be burning otherwise desirable books. The people ought to read



And, as <sup>(6)</sup> Henry VIII, earned for himself the title of "Defender of the Faith", will not some pro-slavery Knights of the quill in N. C. write a reply to the notorious Kelper Book? Can they not by some mathematical process, change the appearance of the figures in "The Crisis"? ~~Will~~ ~~they~~ ~~not~~ ~~thereby~~ ~~earn~~ ~~ing~~ ~~for~~ ~~himself~~ ~~some~~ ~~glorious~~ ~~title~~ ~~that~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~transmitted~~ ~~to~~ ~~his~~ ~~heirs~~ ~~for~~ ~~centuries~~?  
We shall see.