

Special
Rinston, N.C. April 20th 1867
Dear Sir:-

Your favor, together with the Union Register sent were this evening received. Upon inquiry I heard of no shingles here for sale. But by writing to George West at Rouse's (or Dover) Station, next below this, he can no doubt furnish you with the desired quantity. That is a great Shingle Country. Many thousands were got them, before as well as since the war.

About the time the it started some one kindly furnished me with a copy of the Un. Register, which I liked very much, & was only deterred from taking it by my very limited amount of greenbacks, which I regret, has not yet improved. Much of the No. now before me I like. I mean that devoted at the common enemy - the secessionists & destruction, who got us into all our trouble, & who, with a strong recruit during the latter part of the war & since, have been continually keeping up as much trouble as possible. But coward compels one to say. I regret to see much that I find in the No. before me engendering bitterness & discord among the Union men of the state. I apprehend it will not do the Republican or Union party in N.C. or the South any good. It is neither enough now, in all conscience, & has the liberal abuse, denunciation & ridicule of every leading destructionist & upstart, who desires to make himself prominent. I really think then, that the friends of the cause should not indulge in this course of schism & division, as it inevitably injures to the cause of the secessionists & destructionists old, like Spelman, Morris, Wooten, Bond etc, and the latter day war men like Bell, Worth, Vann & co. These united destructionists will, by this course be strengthened & the Union & Republican sentiment & party will be completely overruled.

your own by them if this spirit is kept up. Seeing this & being
more & ever opposed to them, because now as ever they are eminent
destructive of the best interests of the Country, before, during, or since the
war, you must excuse me for expressing to you my decided
opinion on this subject. Small & despised, ridiculed & scoffed at the Union
party people, is in this state & must be permitted to enter and work
for harmony & concert of action among ourselves. Our bickering
is their bread & meat. I propose not to gratify them. Let us
hear & forbear, for the common good. As all these flings & cen-
sures upon Union men must inevitably inure to the benefit
of secessionists & their present allies - our enemies - & we shall
aid the latter every time we indulge this spirit.

I certainly do not endorse all that Mr Nolden has embodied &
done. Indeed I would not endorse all, unconditionally, that I myself
have ever said or done. But Mr. N. is on the right side, & is un-
questionably against the secessionists & Copperheads & they are as
unquestionably against him & all he does says. and that is one of the more
reasons I have for defending & holding him up. They hate him & he them
they hate him for leaving them many years ago - he being a prom-
inent & powerful man with them. His great ability & his fervor
& zeal for the good cause should receive our encouragement, as it cer-
tainly does their hatred, malignity & abuse. I have almost
always been in a minority, and I know how to sympathize with it.
I cannot therefore join the now popular furor of denouncing
and ridiculing "Nolden", to gratify & fortify these destructive se-
cessionists & thus aid & assist them in their efforts for power in
this state. Men like Nolden, Pool, Mick, Pettie, Thomas &
others in this state have stood up & stood out against them in

in this state in the face of heavy odds. It was with smaller odds
against that party in this state during the war. It was off
the North. It was easy - easier than anywhere else in the
more than opposing & endeavoring to thwart the secession
has been about all we could do. Satehans & Pettie & others
were hard by - many did break in - many more were
enemies. I have seen them picked up here & scattered off to
Canada that they were suspected. This was easy & I
saw the tide even in appearance, in this latitude. Poor men
for & unpardonably demanded, consequently to prevent a quarrel
from them which would have been preferable. As a man, I
suggested - as an old opponent of the secession party, always
to in every course from 1838 (when was a boy) to 1861
this bickering & vituperation & cutting at friends & school
no more cudgels for the common enemy to break
with. Let the Register & the Standard write through
let Caldwell & Pettie write through & let
all this schism, by which means alone you may get rid
& Copperheadism. Nolden is a noble man & one of the best
of their class & their country in true spirit & principle.
They wish to break the force of all this by "killing" him
is "killed" then their victory over the rest they think
this reason I do now, & how ever low the fall of John
him up - One of Mr Nolden's sons, I admit, (I think he
was too much leaning to some of these leaders, but they suggested
wretches - how shown their gratitude by their indignation
against vituperation & abuse against him in the
Pettie was in the face of his own heavy odds.

he had to go in some way - He preferred one or another plan & then
"Volunteers." ^{He believes, is true. He stood against popular sentiment when it was against the} Many a Union man, opposed even and always to secession
to the ~~Confederate~~ government as a political institution, ^{early volunteer} & went
through the war from Bull Run to Bentonville, while as many better
uncompromising, vigorous, blood & thunder secession destruction patriots
stayed at home & never pulled a trigger. See Dorch, Lane, E.
Thompson, Strong, Bond, C. & J. C. Foster, Spellman & ~~Mc~~
Roberts (of Newbern) & thousands of others. So that the being in or out
of the war is no argument of any loyalty or disloyalty at home.

In view of all these considerations then, pardon me, I repeat for
the inquiry of harmony & unity of action among the Union of this state
& the refusal to encourage such semi-copperhead Raymond (often
right in tone - but not unfrequently wrong) in his efforts to throw
fire brands & to create divisions on the Union ranks. Aiding &
divide - & consequently to defeat - the Union party here, it is not
unexpected that he turns his shafts in the same direction
in this state. Much as I have seen in him to admire, he un-

doubtedly does much to condemn. The Whig party ~~throughout~~
on just such a rock - For God's sake let us take warning, & avoid
any such course. At best the country - the South is getting
along badly. Let it set an example of Peace & Fraternity of
feeling within the Union ranks. Let not its opponents

tempt us with brokenness & failure
of how written long & fresh. I felt that
I could talk to you. So few others of our newspaper friends
would I have attempted it. But I believe it will be received in the
kind & spirit intended. I repeat, in closing, instead of aiding to
pull each other down, the Register & Standard should be earnestly
engaged in holding each other up & bringing your views to bear upon each
other every day.

Yours, Very Respectfully

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