

Whereas, at a meeting of the Illustrations Dead Bees, who were not "members of the late Legislature," a committee was appointed, of which the undersigned was named chairman, who were authorized, should any public emergency arise, during the recess of the Legislature, requiring counsel and action on the part of the Dead Bees, to select one hundred men from among the prominent Dead Bees of the various Counties, one hundred men, who should meet in convention at Raleigh and take such action as might to them seem proper for the interest of the Dead Bees, the old North State, the American Eagle, Universal Democracy and the rest of creation; And whereas, the Sherman Bill and its Supplement, have been passed by the Congress of the North, the vote of the President to the contrary notwithstanding, and whereas said Bill most unjustly prohibits even the most conservative of the D.B.s from the exercise of the election franchise, or the enjoyment of the spoils of office; and whereas it is a foregone conclusion, that this bill with the odious "Civil Rights" and "Bureau" enactments will be rigidly enforced by the servile emissaries of despotism; that "niggers" will vote, and Yankees will talk in our midst; It is, therefore, decided by the Chairman of this Committee, after consultation with prominent D.B.s it has been deemed advisable to take some action

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in the premises to secure ourselves from the injury threatened by impending events. It was at first deemed best to hold a convention at some central point, to be composed of the one hundred picked men, selected by the chairman of the committee and his friends, for the ~~discussion~~^{consideration} of the present state of affairs, and the most feasible remedy, for our ills. Pending the perfection of this plan ~~a call was issued~~^{the idea was stolen} by some of our congresses and a meeting organized upon the same plan and for the same purposes, in a narrower sense on the 27th ult., the members of which formed themselves into a party to be known as the "Republican Party of North Carolina". It was feared at first that this party had stolen the entire thunder of the D. B.; but when it was considered that the meeting not being composed of delegates, but individually appointed by the Committee, and the party therefore only consisted of one hundred and fifty men, black and white we saw there was hope. It having been seen however that entire harmony cannot be expected even in a convention so carefully assorted as that of the 27th ult., a different plan has been adopted for the one under consideration, by which we expect to secure entire unanimity and perfect harmony. The plan is this

of your truly James Owen Armstrong
and of your truly Truly -

The resolutions, speeches, committees and so forth will be carefully prepared beforehand by the managers, and submitted to the ~~public~~ ^{Dead Beats} in the different parts of the country by mail. Those approving will please to send a statement to that effect to the Chairman, who with his friends will thereupon, select the most reliable of these in the different Counties as delegates to represent said Counties. The resolutions are as follows, the parts in brackets being explanatory and not intended for printing publication.

Platform of the National Union Republican Democratic Equal Rights (excepting holding office which is to be confined exclusively to Dead Beats) Military Reconstruction party, of the Northern majority of District No. 2.

~~Thomas~~ Hearing assembled in the city of Raleigh on the ~~17th~~ ^{8th} day of April 1867, in conformity with ^{our} the urgent desiderated and patriotic call (from the chairman of the D.B. Committee). and believing that the time has come when an open and fearless ^(very fortunately) ~~there is no longer anything to be feared except criticism~~ expressive of sentiment, opinion and purpose (not ours but one that will take) is urgently demanded (by our deuced unpleasant situation as excluded D.B.'s) therefore: