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My dear Sir

Your favor of the twenty

first instant is now before me and

* I learn from an intimate friend

X Up to this time he was no politician nor was his intention in coming to this State to engage in politics at all - He simply liked the climate, and looking upon the surrender as a finality, he looked forward to a rehabilitation of the States upon a basis which would lead to a speedy development of those resources which slavery had so long smothered - He ~~proposed to~~ engaged in business and from the moment of his settlement here became bona fide a citizen interested in the fortunes and welfare of the State - ~~From a friend I learn that as yet~~ ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~driving~~ ~~to~~ ~~engage~~ ~~in~~ ~~politics~~, Judge Loring had previously decided to devote himself exclusively to a literary and professional life - Personal assaults, and the abuse which was heaped on any person of Northern birth drove him into the political arena

He began his political career in a speech to the citizens of Guilford County in the Spring of 1866 - in which he used this language

I am no politician. I have never studied politics and do not like it, but I ~~have~~ imbibed the principles of equal rights with my mother's milk - Whether suffrage is a right or a privilege of the citizen is entirely immaterial - Its exercise by the emancipated black is ~~in~~ ~~necessity~~ ~~for~~ ~~his~~ ~~protection~~ and the ~~requirements~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~government~~ - It is an inevitable consequence of the surrender at Appomattox. The only question is whether the States, recently in rebellion, will ~~not~~ ~~enfranchise~~ ~~the~~ ~~negro~~ ~~of~~ ~~themselves~~ or wait for the General Government to compel their enfranchisement

With the great aped the terrible
Only feared ^{the} terrible
Lest the noble foe
Should strike never a blow
But defeat with swift flight
The display of our might
And we prayed for the year
In unceremonious style
That he might not forsake
His sad duties for a while
That the winds might dread
Of the craven North sea
Till he sank beneath the wings
Of the fierce southern breeze
~~Oh!~~ And we laughed as we planted
And merrily grew
As the sun's beams ^{streaked} scattered
And void ^{of} ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~deeds~~ ^{deeds}
Developed the ^{strength} ~~strength~~
He delighted to ^{see} ~~see~~
Of our chamberlain ^{wealth} ~~wealth~~
Of our ^{riches} ~~riches~~ ^{king} ~~king~~
And opened the rapture which ^{glows} ~~glows~~
In the heart of your ^{fruit} ~~fruit~~ ^{cup} ~~cup ^{vine} ~~vine~~
And crystallized the amber that grows
In the mystical heart of the pine
And we laughed as our thoughts of our death
Sounded faintest and onest on earth
Withholding from each ^{gleaning} ~~gleaning~~ ^{mouth} ~~mouth~~
The treasures ^{we} ~~we ^{bring} ~~bring ^{forth} ~~forth~~
We thought from the ^{spines} ~~spines~~ ^{of} ~~of ^{our} ~~our ^{grain} ~~grain~~
When our bounty had kept ^{abundant} ~~abundant~~
In the busy New England ^{time} ~~time~~
When the stock of the fisher should fail
And the Southland no more should give
In the busy New England ^{time} ~~time~~
And our ^{colleagues} ~~colleagues~~ ^{fancy} ~~fancy ^{fore} ~~fore ^{erected} ~~erected~~
Upon their fleets from the sea ^{should} ~~should~~ ^{pass} ~~pass
That ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{loved} ~~loved~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{see} ~~see~~ ^{them} ~~them~~ ^{come} ~~come~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{us} ~~us~~
And ^{not} ~~not~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{the} ~~the ^{road} ~~road~~ ^{stead} ~~stead ^{disregarded} ~~disregarded~~
The ^{fact} ~~fact~~ ^{that} ~~that ^{their} ~~their ^{fleet} ~~fleet ^{would} ~~would ^{not} ~~not ^{be} ~~be ^{derided} ~~derided~~
While their streets ^{were} ~~were~~ ^{grown} ~~grown ^{with} ~~with ^{grass} ~~grass~~
And their streets ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{grown} ~~grown ^{with} ~~with ^{grass} ~~grass~~