

A. W. TOURGEE,  
JUDGE.

Office of the Judge of the Superior Court,  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, N. C.

Greensboro', 187

Ralph Howell Esq.

Sir: — On yesterday you informed me that Josiah Turner jr had applied to me for bench-warrants, on his behalf, against, John Hamricutt, Alex. Ruffin and W. H. Holden. At the same time you presented to me a paper-writing, purporting to have been signed by Josiah Turner jr and certified to have been "subscribed and sworn before J. N. — Brantley, Clerk Superior Court, Wake County.

As members of the bar, both yourself and Mr. Turner must be aware of the fact that sufficient ground (for the issuing of a warrant against any citizen of the State, <sup>under any circumstances</sup>) has not been properly shown before me — and any such action upon any part would be manifestly unjust —  
I decline to act upon this application —

Superior Court - North Carolina  
9th judicial district

Before Geo. S. Taylor Judge of said district  
appeared Ralph Gurrell Esq. an attorney  
of said Court, and for and on behalf of Josiah  
Turner jr. moved for the issue of bench-warrant  
writs for the apprehension of John H. H. H. H.  
Ruffin and W. W. H. H. H. H. for an es-  
cort committed on the person of said  
Turner, and the full arrest and imprison-  
ment of the same -

The only evidence offered in support of this  
motion was a paper-writing, purporting to have  
been signed by Josiah Turner jr. and certifi-  
fied to have been "subscribed and sworn to  
before J. H. B. Clerk" Superior Court  
Wake County, on the 24th day of September  
A. D. 1870

Upon consideration thereof it appears that suf-  
ficient ground has not been properly shown  
before the Court, to justify the apprehension of  
a warrant for the apprehension of any  
citizen of the State under any circumstances -  
It is therefore ordered that the motion be denied -