

Whereas the delegate from Orange  
(A W Younger) did produce as  
false a statement made by the  
delegate from Orange (Drummond  
and repeated the unpardonable  
language - and whereas the  
question of morality raised  
between the delegates was as  
to the truth of J. W. Stephens late  
Republican Senator from  
Cornwall County concerning his guilt  
in having stolen chickens the  
property of Thomas Rutledge a  
Citizen of Madison Rockingham County  
and whereas the delegate  
from Orange has produced the  
following certified copy of the  
indictment to wit -

Indictment returned by the grand jury of the County of Orange, Virginia, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, against the said J. W. Stephens, late Senator from the County of Cornwall, for stealing the property of Thomas Rutledge, a citizen of Madison County, Rockingham County, Virginia, to wit -

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And whereas the delegate from Orange did produce a letter from E. W. Hancock <sup>Sherriff of Rockingham</sup> stating that said Stephens did in 1866 place his watch and shot gun in his, the Sherriff's hands to secure the payment of the cost in the indictment ~~of~~ ~~said~~ ~~with~~ therefore resolved that the truth of history is vindicated and the fact established that said Stephens was guilty and by paying the cost did acknowledge his guilt.

And whereas the delegate from Guilford did raise a question of veracity with the delegate from Orange on the indictment of J. M. Shoffner late <sup>Republican</sup> Senator from Blount as ~~and whereas~~ to whether he did rob a grave in which lay the body of a colored man, which dead body was exhumed and boiled in a sugar trough and the skeleton sold for Confederate money to Dr. Hatten of Princeton

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and whereas the following  
indictment duly authenticated  
by the Clerk of Guilford shows  
the indictment to be a fact  
~~and~~ now therefore resolved  
~~again~~ that the truth of history  
is again vindicated.

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and  
 Guilford County Quarter Session  
 November Term 1858

The jurors for the State upon their oath present that S. M. Shoffner, Oliver Coble and Washington Coble, all late of the County of Guilford, on the first day of January A. D. 1858 with force and arms at & in said county, a certain grave there situate, and in which the body of one Roderick Mitchell deceased, had lately before them been placed and interred, & there was, unlawfully, wilfully, and indecently, did dig, open, and disturb, and afterwards to wit on the day & year aforesaid, with force and arms, at and in the County aforesaid, the said body of the said Roderick Mitchell deceased, out of the grave, aforesaid, unlawfully, wilfully, and indecently, did take, and carry away to the great disturbance & common nuisance of all the good citizens of the State then inhabiting and being, and against the peace and dignity of the State,

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said S. M. Shoffner, Oliver Coble and Washington Coble, on the first day of January A. D. 1858 with force and arms, at and in the County aforesaid, a certain grave there situate, and in which

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the dead body of some person to the jurors  
aforesaid unknown, had lately before them  
been placed and interred, and then was  
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said jurors unknown, out of the grave  
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the good citizens of the State then inhabiting  
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I, J. H. Scott Secy  
State of North Carolina,  
Guilford County) W. J. H. Nelson Clerk  
of the Superior Court for said county do  
hereby certify that the foregoing is a true  
copy of a bill of indictment on file  
in this office.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & affixed the seal of  
said court at office in  
Greensboro this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Sept  
1875

W. J. H. Nelson Clk  
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J. H. Shoffner  
Oliver Colby &  
Washington Colby

Widemaner

Gov Pro

x Madison Wilson

x S. A. Phelps

John Colby

Sworn & sent

L. Swain, etc.

A True bill

H. Little, For