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Dear Sir; I have the "Bygones" but not
disavowing any merely personal or interest in C. R. A. business
which he is pursuing, & of course, am bound to take such as truth.
I have also read in the days ~~past~~ the terrible seeing
the Anglo Saxon, as also the "Bygones" conclusions ground up
in & perspective, one of which is that the Republican Party is more
concerned about a free market for the American flag than a free bullet-
for American cotton - that is for the Negro; Well I guess the "Bygones"
is more than 1/2 right in their conclusion; - Just from such the
"Bygones" attacks upon the Anglo Saxon will tend to achieve the same
- since he is admitting it a matter that concerns him rather than
one - It is amazing however, to see an Anglo Saxon abusing & trying
to demean his own race as if human civilization & achievement owed
its origin & progress to the cannibals of Congo rather than to
the polished, fair skinned Saxon from the North & the West; &
how how silly & foolish a ridiculous & dreary scene can be -
It is the fortune of great civi. wars always to develop & throw
upon the surface a set of queer crazy lumber - It was so with the
war of ^{our} America between the King & the Parliament - A set of men
whose heads were unbalanced, & minds mistung by the spirit of the
occasion - the ~~represent~~ ^{a great} of ^{the} Civil ^{war} ^{of} 1776, and to this all the ~~efforts~~

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of mankind - all the teachings of History were of no account in their
own light they had discovered & in which they suffered they never
realizing - like the "Baptists" they could abuse them ^{own} - like the
"Baptists" they worshipped justice - they thought they had abolished
the King & the Crown forever - & some like the "Baptists" had such an
exalted estimation of justice as to make them unwilling to submit to
any laws but those of the "Seven Jurors" they all saw that divine equality
in power & wealth which the "Baptists" dream of & is something far away
of the sentiment to work - & like the "Baptists" they were devoted
& self-sacrificing; But what did they accomplish? History just
notifies them from their silly fanaticism & folly? - the Crown - the King
Magna Charta - distinctions among men - inequality of political rights - inequal-
ity of social position - distinction of rank - none can ignore, the elementary
principles of Human Government & Human Civilization are violated, put in
frustration by the ^{all ending, creation to exert} Kings & the Kings support of
war, greed & Human enlightenment to day is the common joy
of the world & will be when its teachers like the "Baptists" & his
Millennium being never struck commuted of our nation's existence, of
denied by posterity at all, it will be for their silly narrow fanatical
error & folly - Fortunately it can not be said of the "Baptists"
that their class "What they said they do has left them" as History shows

It is duty, morality & party growing larger - that the young class should be
stronger than water - stronger than the wind, Right, Power, Wealth, or Science
by the "Dignitaries" & believed by his simple, deluded fools followers - It will be
as easy for the "Dignitaries" to convince the members of that class - Republi-
cans call the indignity - all the Patriotic, all the love of Country is & always has
been contained in one of the great Political Parties of the Country, while the other
has always constituted all the scoundrels & traitors, as it will be to make the
join in this abuse of the Age - I will not say that I have influenced at least "any" the
Glorious of the Council of the County - Again I especially commend the
Class of Republicans to the notice of the "Dignitaries" as particularly requiring
the, perhaps, best of their attention & efforts of themselves & the young followers

Respectfully

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