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S. M. HARMON, Capt'n and Provost Marshal, and President Board of Barollmont 32

LETTER FROM JUDGE GROVER.

ANGELICA, Aug., 17, 1863. Editor of the Advertiser :

SIB:-I have been shown an editorial article in your paper of this morning, purporting to be a reply to an ditorial of the Reporter of this village, in which you make an unjust and unfounded at ck upon me. You state that :- "The cts of the Board of Enrollment should be judged upon their own merits, and not with reference to differences between MARTIN GROVER and WILKES ANGEL. From all we can learn many of these charges have risen out of the fact that WILKES ANGEL is the friend of the Provost Marshal, and that MARTIN GROVER is not the friend of WILKES ANGEL. There may or may not be good cause for these differences. But be that as it may they cannot justify any such attacks upon the Board of Enrollment. Judge GROVER should seek some other method of destroying the influence of Senator ANGEL than by indulging in wholesale and unfounded denunciations of the Provost Marshal who happens to be his friend, and by connecting Mr. An-GEL with the charges against the Provost Marshal attempt to involve them both in common ruin. If these are the motives which have induced the wholesale charges against the Board of Enrollment and roused up such a feeling of excitement in Allegany county most certainly the charges should be closely scanned before implicit faith is placed upon them, We do not say that such is the case, but we are so informed, and there is at least a color of evidence to substantiate the position."

-I shall not take time in exposing the utter ridiculonsness of the above charge. I do not believe that any sensible man on earth can for a moment believe that an excitement can be got up in Allegany or elsewhere, founded upon false charges, made by one known not to have been near Elmira, where there had been from fifteen to fifty men there trom nearly every town in the county, who had been witnesses of all that had been transacted. No! You can hardly believe this yourself. You must be satisfied, whatever you may choose to say, that I have more genue than to make such an attempt.

Let me assure you there is not one particle of ruth in it. Rumors of unfairness reached this place before any from this town were examined. To these rumors I paid no heedregarding them as probably groundless, and resulting from the disappointment of interested parties. It was not until I was credibly informed, that Mr. JAMES E. MATHEWS, of this place, and others from this county, were

at Elmira levying money from numerous drafted men, from different towns, in various sums, frequently more than one har red dollars per man, that I felt it a dut iously to inquire into the matter; and wl on such enquiry I learned that in the toy Birdsall eighteen were drawn and but or scepted ; Lat in Larns thirty fi were drawn, and but it three were accepted, I felt it to be the of every good and loyal citizen to act promy ly, with a view to arrest, if possible, ah a arse of proceedings. I may have injudicious; but I then and now think

che course taken was eminently proper to attain the end in view. I entertained my own opinious as to the competency of the Board, and in view of the facts, I have expressed such prinion fearlessly.

have never claimed, nor do I now, that was anyone who precended that he had paid money to the Board. Had there been such, I should have taken a different course. I am much gratified, however, to learn that in the terr towns examined since the meetings here and elsewhere in the county, much better results have been obtained from the workings of the Board, and so far as I can leard, no complaint as to them exists. I feel compensated for your attack, by the public good thus obtained, in which, but for your attack, I should have felt I had no share worth naming.

You will, perhaps, be surprised, when I assure you that I have no hostility to senator Angel, except what originates from his energetic support of the Broadway, and Crosstown Railroad Bills, and other kindred measures, in the legislature. These measures I regard as exceedingly wrong in principle, and the meass resorted to, to pass them through the legislature did not in the least degree mitigate my opposition. As to his influence, I wish it were ten times more extensive, if uprightly exerted to the promotion of the public welfare.

I know that Matthews has returned home, and am informed that the others who were collecting money from the men, have done the same. This is a good omen for the future. I regard it the duty of all men to expose wrong in public affairs, and wish the Board had not advertised, through your paper, their intention to annul the exemption papers of those who paid money; then nearly all could have been ascertained-as it is, the whole truth will not be known until a day, perhaps far in the future; but be assured that the ceses published by you, are but a small portion of those known here. Under the circumstanccs, you will not deny me the justice of publishing this communication-Yours Truly.

MARTIN GROVER.

-We publish the above communication from Judge GROVER with pleasure. We had no thought in our article, to which he refers, of making an "attack" on him, and we much

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regret that he has so construed our remarks. We assure him that they were neither written nor intended in the light of an attack on him any more than on Senator ANGEL, but only as a possible explanation in some degree of the extraordinary excitement prevailing Allegany county. So far as anything we have said may be construed into an attack on Judge GROVER, or anybody else in Allegany county, we cheerfully and fully retract it.— We have no feeling against any one, and have only been actuated by a desire to save the Board of Enrollment from unjust accusations.

Corruption in the draft.

A meeting has been held at Angelica, Allegany county, of which Martin Grover, a well known Republican was chailman, to denounce, the iniquitious manner in which the draft has been conducted in the Alleghany district. The resolutions adopted denounce with unsparing severity the conduct of the Board, and assert that the "people have a right to demand of the government a capable and upright Provost Marshal, and a qualified, sober and honest Surgeon," from which we infer the meeting was of the opinion that they did not have such. A committee of nine was appointed to investigate the alleged cases of fraud and expose them.

The Elmira Gazette, referring to these proceedings, says:

The fact is notorious that the Board has been surrounded by a lot of harpies, who to all appearance enjoyed the confidence of its members, and who have made it their business to secure, for a consideration, certificates of exemption for drafted men. These men are here to day plying their vocation. Their business is and has been well known to the Board, and yet they would have the public believe that everything is right inside the Provost Marshal's office.

The truth is this Military Depot has been a sink of corruption and iniquity since the first contract was given out under the authority of Van Valkenburg. It has been a continuous system of cheating; robbing and fraud are carried on for the benefit of the peculiar friends of the poor darkey, whose patriotism must be paid for. It is but an epitome of what has been carried on since the commencement of the war, and will be carried on so long as the contractors and speculators can prolong it, commencing with members of the Administration and extending through all the ramifications of its service. 34