

Having learned that it has been rumored in certain parts of the State that Judge F. M. Rogers had charged me in a public speech of having, many years ago, committed a malfeasance in office,—that I had challenged him, and afterwards permitted the matter to be adjusted without Judge Rogers having made a disclaimer and unconditional retraxit, I hereby make public the annexed correspondence and settlement of the difficulty between that gentleman and myself.

I state further that it had been arranged that a meeting was to have taken place between Judge Rogers and myself in Fayette county Alabama, on Tuesday the sixth September last.—that accompanied by a friend I went to the ground agreed upon at the appointed time, but in consequence of the fact of Judge Rogers being taken sick at Columbus, while on his way to the place appointed for the meeting it did not occur.

I shall take pleasure at any time in furnishing any gentleman with the information in reference to the difficulty between the late George Weightman and myself.

S. J. GHOLSON.

Aberdeen Oct. 18th, 1853.

ABERDEEN, Miss., Sept. 3rd, 1853.

HON. F. M. ROGERS:

*Dear Sir*:—I am informed, that during the delivery of your late speech at Athens, you said of and by way of charge against me, that you had not executed any blank notes, bonds, affidavits or papers that you did not understand, and that you had not pleaded the Statute of Limitations.

Am I correctly informed as to the substance of what you said in reference to myself?

Yours &amp;c.

S. J. GHOLSON.

ABERDEEN, Sept. 3d, 1853.

HON. S. J. GHOLSON:

*Dear Sir*:—Yours of this morning was received,—in reply I state, on my return home, after my name had been presented as a candidate for Governor, I was informed that in a speech made by yourself at Athens, you made me the subject of public criticism. In my speech at the same place, to which you call my attention, I took occasion to reply to your attack upon me, and in doing so, did say in substance, first, in allusion to my own political opinions, that I did not like to plead infancy on them but that nullification was disposed of before I was old enough to vote, and that I was not in the habit of doing anything that I did not understand. I made no charge against you, in reference to blank notes, Bonds nor affidavits, nor statute of Limitations, but did intend to allude to the fact of your signing blank certificates.

Yours,

F. M. ROGERS.

ABERDEEN, Miss., Sept. 3d, 1853.

HON. F. M. ROGERS:

*Dear Sir*:—Yours of this morning is before me. I understand you as having charged me with having improperly executed blank certificates, in my official capacity.

If my understanding is correct, I have only to say to you that I will be out of the limits of the State of Mississippi, at such time and place as shall suit your convenience, for the purpose of having further correspondence with you.

Col. M. J. Bunch is my friend, authorized to make all arrangements &c., &c.

Yours, S. J. GHOLSON.

ABERDEEN, Sept. 3d, 1853.

HON. S. J. GHOLSON:

*Dear Sir*:—In reply to your note I accept of your proposition to go beyond the limits of the State of Mississippi.

My friend James Phelan is authorized to conduct all further correspondence &c. &c.

Yours, F. M. ROGERS.

*Dear Sir*:—We learned with profound regret that a most threatening hostility exists between yourself and Judge Rogers. As mutual friends of both yourselves and families, we appeal to you to suffer us to act as mediators, hoping that we may be able to suggest terms of amity which will be honorable and acceptable to all parties concerned.

We beg an acceptance of this offering and that we may proceed advisedly, solicit a copy of your correspondence.

With very great respect, yours &amp;c.

CHARLES GATES,

THOS. BRANDON,

WM. McQUISTON,

J. T. TINDALL,

HILLARY FOSTER,

E. B. MILLS.

To Hon. S. J. Gholson.

Sept. 17th, 1853.

P. S.—A copy of this note will be sent to Judge Rogers.

ABERDEEN, Miss., Sept. 17th, 1853.

GENTLEMEN:

Yours of this date is before me. With my thanks for your kind intentions, and assurances of my confidence in your integrity, I submit the correspondence, which has heretofore taken place between the Hon. F. M. Rogers and myself.

Yours, &amp;c., S. J. GHOLSON.

CHARLES GATES,

THOS. BRANDON,

&amp; others.

DEAR SIR:

We are much pleased at the prompt submitting of the case between yourself and Judge Rogers, into our hands.

We find that your second note to Judge Rogers contains two propositions, which, if discussed separately, we think may lead to an amicable and honorable adjustment of the difficulty. We would therefore respectfully suggest that the interrogatory of that note be sent to Judge Rogers separately and discussed first.

CHARLES GATES,

THOS. BRANDON,

WM. McQUISTON,

J. T. TINDALL,

HILLARY FOSTER,

E. B. MILLS.

Sept. 17, 1853.

ABERDEEN, Miss., Sept. 17th, 1853.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your second note of this date. I adopt the suggestion contained in it &c., &c.

Yours, S. J. GHOLSON.

CHARLES GATES,

THOMAS BRANDON, and others.

DEAR SIR:

We hand you herewith a copy of a correspondence with the Hon. S. J. Gholson, since the receipt of yours in reply to ours of this morning.—You will now please state to us whether or not, in your speech at Athens, you intended to impugn the official conduct and integrity of Judge Gholson.

Respectfully,

CHARLES GATES,

THOMAS BRANDON,

WM. McQUISTON,

J. L. TINDALL, JR.,

HILLARY FOSTER,

E. B. MILLS.

To Hon. F. ROGERS.

ABERDEEN, Sept. 17th, 1853.

SIRS:

Your late note to me of this evening, has been received, in which you ask me to state whether or not, in a speech at Athens, I intended to impugn the official conduct and integrity of Judge Gholson.

In reply thereto, I frankly say, that I did not intend to impugn the official conduct and integrity of Judge Gholson.

Yours respectfully,

F. M. ROGERS.

COL. CHAS. GATES, et. al.