

SOME VERY PLAIN TALK.

SENATOR KELLOGG PUBLICLY CHARGED WITH LYING—HE IS CHALLENGED TO PROVE OR SUBSTANTIATE HIS SWORN STATEMENT.

Durant DuPont, one of the New Orleans returning Board, publishes the following scorching letter to the Grant Senator from Louisiana:

To Wm. Pitt Kellogg, Senator:

Sir—On the 10th of last month you filed in the United States Circuit Court a document called a bill in equity. In that bill you charge me with being concerned in a scheme to defraud you of an alleged election to the office of Governor of Louisiana. You say that you believe, and you "swear the fact to be that it" was my "intention and deliberate plan" to make such canvass of the votes as should effect your apparent defeat; you declare that you are "informed and fear that it was my intention, in furtherance of a scheme of fraud alleged by you, to destroy the returns and certificates of election received from the Supervisors of Registration." These charges were made the foundation of a suit unprecedented in the political and judicial history of this country, and they have therefore attracted general attention. They have been copied by all the public journals, and in consequence, I have found myself published throughout the United States as a person detected in the infamous act of falsifying election returns, and prevented by judicial interposition alone from consummating a fraud by which you would have been cheated of your election to the office of Governor. Now, sir, these statements, so made by you under the solemn sanction of a judicial act, were simply false. You, Senator Kellogg, knew them to be false when you made them, you knew them to be false when you invented them, and you invented them as an agency for accomplishing, under the mockery of judicial forms, the fraudulent purposes which you charged upon me and the gentleman with whom I was associated. It is the peculiarity of a bill in equity that it must be sworn to; it must bear the attestation, under oath, of the person who asks the assistance of the court. It might be supposed that a Senator of the United States would hesitate to swear to an untruth, even after having himself invented it, but the swift eagerness with which you made haste to swear to these falsehoods indicate the unfaltering but indecent speed with which you will rush to the consummation of your scheme of fraud. You knew, sir, that the returns in the hands of the Governor—the only genuine and legal returns that did exist, or could possibly exist—elected Mr. McEnery and the whole Fusion ticket by majorities ranging from seven thousand to thirteen thousand votes, and that they showed the election of a large Fusion majority in the General Assembly, yet you swear that I, as a member of the Board of Returning Officers, was about to falsify and destroy those returns in order to defraud you of the election. If I had been your confederate in your scheme to defraud the people of Louisiana of the results of the election, would you have asked at my hands a service more effective than that of falsifying and destroying the returns which proved the election of your opponent? Senator Kellogg, you have invented a falsehood, and you have sworn to it; but do not imagine, sir, even if you should, by the prostitution of judicial processes, and the abuse of military power, succeed in forcing yourself into the executive chair, that the people of Louisiana can forget that you owe your elevation to the destruction of their rights, and that, to achieve your purpose, you swore to what you knew to be false, in order that you might succeed in suppressing what you knew to be true.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

DURANT DUPONT.

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