

Stokes County N. Car.
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Dear Sir,

We desire to express to you
our deep sympathy for you, in consequence
of the late illiberal and unjust attack of
the Senate of the United States. We regard this
action of the Senate, as nothing more nor less
than a blow aimed at the liberty and freedom
of the People and a virtual re-enactment of the odious
& abominable Alien & Sedition Law of former
days. Does the Senate fear an exposure of their
conduct? Does the scathing rebuke administered
in the columns of the Union, alarm their
apprehensions? We have read your paper
for the last fifteen years and have always
been proud of the firm & decided stand
which you have taken and the noble and
manly bearing with which it has been con-
ducted. And we hope that you will still continue
to pour "hot shot" in upon the Senate and
upon all recreant Democrats, until an
indignant people, will hurl the authors of
this monstrous outrage, from place & power.
Calhoun & Calhounism are defunct in this
Country. Those who have been his warmest

