

**ALAMANCE COUNTY
IN BAD POSITION**

And now the people of Graham should be satisfied; they have been successful in lynching a negro. The provocation was great, on account of the age of the intended victim, but it was peculiarly incumbent on the Graham people, just at this time, to be on their good behavior, and the lynching of the negro Jeffries for the alleged attempt at crime is very damaging to the community, leaving out the violation of law involved.

We think the Raleigh Times has sized up the situation correctly in the following:

What a company of National Guardsmen saved the county of Alamance from in July. Alamance officers and Superior Court in session were unable to prevent a little more than a month later, and Graham, the county seat, gets its lynching after all.

We're inclined to take Graham's word for the fact that the lynchers were outsiders and came to town in a big automobile. Whether they came from outside of Alamance county, however, is quite a different question; it is hardly likely that citizens of another county could have received the news of the crime in time to have organized a lynching party. But Graham, we think, has had enough of seeking to overthrow law and order.

The pity of it is that Sheriff Story doesn't seem to feel sufficiently that way. A man who with court in session, his prisoner called for trial, having his usual number of deputies and the right to deputize others, permitted a man to be taken from his custody in broad daylight by unmasked men has too little self-respect. It seems to us, to be allowed

to continue to hold the office of sheriff in North Carolina.

It will probably be impossible, as usual, to bring trial those who did the lynching; but it ought to be easy enough to remove Story from office. And it's all of time that an example were made of one of these officers who tamely submit to having their prisoners taken away from them.

Unless the sheriff of Alamance county can prove conclusively that the lynching of Jeffries could possibly be prevented, it is incumbent on him to resign his office and let some one who is competent act as high sheriff.

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