GENTLEMAN
FROM
PASQUOTANK:
HUGH CALE

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[S]eeing that your race is not gifted with the capacity of advancing the interests of a
civilized Government, it is not your duty to strive to take a place you cannot fill.

- Elias Yulee, *Address to the Colored People of Georgia*, 1868

Let our acts teach them ... that their rights will be held sacred by us.

- Lt. Governor Thomas J. Jarvis to the North Carolina Senate, 1877

I want to say to you negroes here to-day ... [y]ou let politics alone. You have not got sense enough to vote and you shall not.

- George Warren Ward, Speech at Currituck County (North Carolina) Courthouse (Elizabeth City *Tar Heel*, 1902)

Things at the White House, / Looking might curious; / Niggers running everything, / White people furious.

- Elizabeth City *Tar Heel*, 1903

[T]reat *as an enemy* every man who would engender a feeling tending to array race against race.

- Dr. Palomen John (Elizabeth City *North Carolinian*, 1870)

This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negro's temporary farewell to the American Congress; but let me say, Phoenix-like he will rise up some day and come again.

- U.S. Representative George Henry White (R-North Carolina), 1901


The negro ... is destined to become a mighty factor ... and only a few years will see both parties bidding for his vote.

- Hugh Cale, "Interview," Elizabeth City *Tar Heel*, 1902
Thomas A. Sykes
First African-American Legislator
from Pasquotank County, North Carolina
Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church

Elizabeth City, North Carolina
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