

Senate, against charges, upon which the Senate is asked, in the discharge of a grave judicial duty, to pronounce the judgment, that this respondent "is not entitled to hold any office of honor, profit or trust, under the laws of this State," he to be entitled, upon the plainest principles of justice and reason, is to be informed specifically of the nature and circumstances of the act or acts, word or words, with which he is charged, as having "given aid, comfort, countenance and support to those engaged in armed hostility to the United States," that he is entitled to be informed of the name or names of the person or persons, he is charged with having "advised or aided to enter the service of the so called Confederate States;" and that he is also entitled to be informed, when, where and by what "open deed or word, he declared his adhesion to the cause of the enemies of the United States, and his desire for the triumph of said enemies over the armies of the United States." This respondent insisting upon the benefit of his said exception to the general, vague and indefinite charges of this said memorial, yet answering the same as made, he denies the same, all and singular; and avers that they are, and each of them is, utterly untrue, and that no specification based upon them, or any of them, implicating this respondent, directly or indirectly, can, with truth, be made.

This respondent therefore, respectfully submits, that the memorialist has stated no sufficient grounds of contest, and has submitted no evidence whatever, upon which this Honorable Senate can be justified in declaring this respondent "ineligible to the said office," or that "the memorialist is entitled to said office," or "that the same is vacant."

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