

Rebecca Cameron to Alfred Moore Waddell, October 26, 1898

This I do not believe for a moment that they will submit any longer it is time for the oft quoted shotgun to play a part, and an active one, in the elections. More especially if that infamous malignant blot upon the state our chief executive Russell gets his Yankee bayonets. I do most earnestly trust if it comes to blows that he will chamber the first ball fired in that mass of valvular tissue which does duty for a heart in the gubernatorial carcass. I never thought to be ashamed of the manhood of North Carolina but I am ashamed now. We applaud to the echo your determination that our old historic river should be choked with the bodies of our enemies, white and black, but what his state shall be redeemed. It has reached the point where blood letting is needed for the health of the commonwealth and when [it] commences *let it be thorough!*

Solomon says "there is a time to kill." That time seems to have come so get to work and don't stop short of a complete clearing of the decks. If you have to start make a finish one for all and then we will talk about calling a convention to alter the constitution sufficiently to disfranchise now and forever all the negroes white and black. You go forward to your work bloody tho' it may be, with the heart felt approval of many good women in the State. We say AMEN to it as did our great grandmother in '75 and our mothers in '61."