

CORRESPONDENCE.

More "RETALIATORY RECRIMINATIONS"

Mr. Editor,

DEAR SIR

As "Pepper" does not consider a newspaper a proper vehicle for *retaliatory redundancy* or polysyllabic gymnastics he will try to express himself in a few plain words. First then to briefly consider the remarkable production of the learned pound keeper, after which we will make some specific charges, of which we have proof. C. D. R. attempts no vindication, (of course because he could not) but endeavours to pose as an abused man. He will however kindly allow all those who are so inclined to take what enjoyment they can out of Pepper's letter etc." I am not alone in the opinion that he will allow anything provided he be allowed to keep the pound and its perquisites. The question is not what he will allow but whether he will be much longer permitted in his present position unless he changes his method. Imagine my dismay upon finding my simple plea for humanity classed with such "debasement" as "bulldozing etc.," and regarded as of so dangerous a nature as calculated to "contaminate the young and innocent etc." It remained for the learned pound keeper to discover that bulldozing was an amusement. It was hitherto supposed that it was a slang term, denoting the policy of coercion adopted towards the negro voters of the South. But perhaps the conscientious pound-keeper always having his mind upon his duties naturally takes his similes from his business and meant bulldozing. If so I fear he does not even understand that amusement very well, for did he bait the bulls and cows better, that come to his pound, there would be less need of my writing. As to the young and innocent whom my letter has contaminated, I beseech that they will at once return to the path of rectitude and charge the damage thus far to me. The "unfavourable and adverse circumstances" he refers to as hampering him, I presume is the fact that he never has hay to feed animals sufficiently; and the mistakes with which he charges the Municipal council it is generally considered may be resolved into one; and that is the blunder they made in appointing him keeper. Now for the charges. I charge him with having tried to induce persons to hunt up cattle for the pound for sake of the fee since he has been keeper. I charge him with taking cattle from the pound, and locking them in his back-yard to feed upon the stunted grass therein; I also charge him with refusing to impound cattle which had broken from his pasture and trespassed upon people's property. His parsimony in feeding has been so marked that respectable citizens have had to remonstrate with him. He took from the pound an animal and kept it within his own enclosure until within a short time of its public

sale, when it was sold at a slaughter price. Had the owner thereof been seeking the animal how was he to know it was impounded while not to be found in the pound? I can find no law for these actions either in Revised Statutes or Municipal Byelaws. He also charges forty-five cents per head the first day, which is not customary, and is an imposition. Half of these irregularities would drive an official from his position in any other community in the country. Thanking you for your valuable space, Yours truly

PEPPER.

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