

CHARLES D. DRAKE.

(Extract from speech of Charles D. Drake, chairman of "Committee of Seventy", delivered at St. Louis, Oct. 17, 1863.)

You will recollect that in the address of the delegation to the President, reference was made to some remarks of his, made some months since, about a "factional quarrel" existing in Missouri. Well, after we had read the address to him, he rose and spoke to us for some time. In the course of his remarks he referred to what he had said on the "factional quarrel". "Why", said he, "you are a long way behind the time in complaining of what I said on that point. Gov. Gamble was ahead of you. There came to me sometime ago a letter from Gov. Gamble, complaining because I had said that he was a party to a factional quarrel; and I answered that letter without reading it. May be you would like to know how I could answer it without reading it. Well, I'll tell you. My private secretary told me such a letter had been received, and I sat down and wrote to Gov. Gamble in almost these words: 'I understand that a letter has been received from you complaining that I said you were a party to a factional quarrel in Missouri. I have not read that letter, and I don't think I ever will read it.' "

(Loud applause and cheers) That was probably the last communication the Governor has received from "Uncle Abe".

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{ This has reference to conference between S. & Com. of 70. }

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