

"The Political Farce of 1876," 1877

Title Top of Broadside:

THE POLITICAL FARCE OF 1876.

Below Image of Louisiana Returning Board:

Kenner, Casenave, Anderson, Wells.
LOUISIANA RETURNING BOARD.

Surrounding Image of Louisiana Returning Board (clockwise from top):

Oliver P. Morton, James A. Garfield, George F. Hoar, William Strong, Joseph P. Bradley, Samuel F. Miller, George F. Edmunds, and Frederick T. Frelinghuysen

Top Left Corner:

We can prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Louisiana and Florida voted for Tilden by decisive majorities, and we are prepared to show up the villainous frauds of the Returning Boards. All we ask is investigation by this commission — Clifford, Field, Bayard, Abbott, Hunton, Thurman & Payne.

Bottom Left Corner:

We would be perfectly willing to examine into the merits of the case, but the evidence is all against us. We therefore declare it "Aliunde," 7 into 8 once, and "Joe Bradley" over. — Miller, Strong, Morton, Garfield, Frelinghuysen, Edmunds, Hoar & Bradley.

Top Right Corner:

"No man worthy of the office of President should be willing to hold it if counted in, or placed there, by any fraud. Either party can afford to be disappointed in the result, but the country cannot afford to have the result tainted by the suspicion of illegal, or false returns." — U.S. Grant.

Bottom Right Corner:

I could never have been reconciled to the elevation by the smallest aide of mine of a person, however respectable in private life, who must forever carry upon his brow the stamp of fraud first triumphant in American history. No subsequent action, however meritorious, can wash away the letters of that record. — Charles Francis Adams.

Bottom of Broadside:

THE TWO NEGROES AND TEN WHITES

Who defeated the will of the American people, as expressed through the Ballot box, on the 7th day of November 1876.