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Three proclamations -- one from the Superior Court Judge of Robeson County, one from the Sheriff of Robeson County, and one from Governor Holden -- calling for the capture of Henry Berry Lowry and the rest of the "Lowry Band" appeared in the March 22, 1869 edition of the *Daily Standard*, published in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The reward offered in this Governor's proclamation was \$100 -- the reward for the Lowery Band would eventually reach \$30,000.

Read more about Henry Berry Lowry here: <https://www.ncpedia.org/biography/lowry-henry>

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Transcriptions of the proclamations are below.

PROCLAMATION OF OUTLAWRY,

In the name of the State of North Carolina,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROBESON COUNTY—Greeting:

WHEREAS, INFORMATION HATH been laid before me Daniel L. Russell, Jr., Judge of the Superior Courts of Law of the State of North Carolina, on written affidavit, which is filed and retained by me, that one Henry Berry Lowry, one Andrew Strong, one Boss Strong, one Shoemaker John, one John Dial and one William Chavis, of Robeson county, have committed sundry and divers murders, burglaries, robberies and other felonies, and that said Henry Berry Lowry, Andrew Strong, Boss Strong, Shoemaker John, John Dial and William Chavis, do conceal themselves and evade arrest and service of the usual process of law.

Now, therefore I, the said Daniel L. Russell, Jr., Judge as aforesaid, by virtue of authority vested in me by an act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, do issue this my proclamation, hereby requiring the said Henry Berry Lowry, Andrew Strong, Boss Strong, Shoemaker John, John Dial and William Chavis, and each and every one of them, forthwith to surrender themselves to the Sheriff of Robeson county, or to any other Sheriff or lawful officer of the State. And I do also empower and require the Sheriff of Robeson county or of any other county where the said felons are supposed to lurk and conceal themselves to search for and pursue with all the power of the county, and effectually apprehend said fugitives from justice.

And I do further declare, that, if the said fugitives or any of them continue henceforth to stay out, lurk or conceal themselves and do not immediately surrender themselves, any citizen of the State may capture, arrest, and bring them or him to justice, and in case of flight or resistance, after being called on and warned to surrender, may slay them or any one of them without accusation or impeachment of any crime.

Given under my hand and issued this 5th day of March, 1869.

DANIEL L. RUSSELL, JR.,
Judge Superior Court of Law.

I, B. A. Howell, Sheriff of Robeson county, do request all the citizens of said county to assist in arresting the felons named in the above proclamation, in order that they may be brought to justice.

March 11. B. A. HOWELL, Sheriff.
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A PROCLAMATION.

By His EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR HOLDEN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF N. C.,
RALEIGH, March 12th, 1869.

WHEREAS, Information has been received at this Department that HENRY BERRY LOWRY, ANDREW STRONG, BOSS STRONG, SHOEMAKER JOHN, JOHN DIAL and WILLIAM CHAVIS, of Robeson county have committed divers murders, robberies and other crimes against the peace and dignity of the State, and are now at large so that the usual process of law cannot be served against them.

Now therefore I, WM. W. HOLDEN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority vested in me by law do issue this proclamation offering a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, for the arrest and delivery of said criminals.

Done at our City of Raleigh, on the 12th day of March, 1869, and in the 93rd year [L. S.] of our Independence.

W. W. HOLDEN, Governor.

By the Governor:

ROBT. M. DOUGLAS, Private Secretary.

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