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THE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The loyal majority of the Reconstruction Committee presented their final report to Congress on the 8th of June. We are sure our readers will be glad to see its principal portions in these columns. The whole subject is comprehensively treated in this document, and the country will here see most clearly stated and vindicated its own firm purpose to conserve the precious results of the recent extraordinary struggle.

kansas, the elections which were held for State officers and members of Congress had resulted almost universally in the defeat of candidates who had been true to the Union, and in the election of notorious and unpardoned rebels, some of whom could not take the prescribed oath of office, and who made no secret of their hostility to the Government and people of the United States.

The people of the District of Columbia and of all the Territories are taxed, although not represented in Congress. If it is true that the people of the States, and the people of the so-called Confederate States, had no right to throw off the authority of the United States, it is equally true that they are bound at all times to share the burdens of government.

being asked for on their account. Some of these States now claiming representation refused to adopt the conditions imposed. No trustworthy information is found in these papers as to the constitutional provisions of several of these States, while in not one of them is there the slightest evidence to show that those "amended constitutions," as they are called, have ever been submitted to the people for their adoption.

to such a step should be of the very highest character. It seems not unreasonable to your Committee to require satisfactory evidence that the ordinances and constitutional provisions which the President deemed essential in the first instance will be permanently adhered to by the people of the States seeking restoration, after being admitted to full participation of the Government, and will not be repudiated when that object shall have been accomplished.

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