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 troduced by General Scmexok, and of whose
passage there is suld to be bat little doubt, amends the Constitution so as to procure the
appointment of represprntatives in accordance with the number of voters, and not of inhabl-
tants, as the present law rads. The change to be thus effected in our whole political sys-
tem is a most radical one, and should recyive tem is a most racical one, and should receive
the calmest and most thorough investigation sults it will produce, it could only be exceeded
in importance by the adoption of a property qualification tor suffrage, and far more sweepfact, the only door through whleh the Gone-
ral Government can interfere with the right
of citzershiphip and even in this tinstance, its of citizenstip; and even in this instance, its
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il rather scondary than fanal in ts results, although not the less powerful because
of its being indirect. The original drafters of the Constitution
were particularly care ful to leave to each
State the right of preseribing what should State the right of preseribing what should
qualify a rqqer within its limits. That the
States have availed themselves of this priviStates have availed themselves of this privi-
lege is testified by the diversity of qualificalege is testified by the diversity of qualifica-
tions In Mnassachusets the term of years
needed before natuaralization is much longer than in some of the new Western States,
while in New York a negro must have sis
bundred dollars' worth of property before he can vete, while here no wealth can secure hum
suffrage. Other equally distinct difirenences exist, each State availing itself of its privi-
lege, and prescribrag who shall be its citi-
zens. Whate thereoce, Coagress cannot say
who shall vote, it can, however, so apportion the representation as to exclude a large num-
ber of residents from being counted in the
apportionment. The preseat law as it exists allows one representative tor evary 127,000
fiee residents, while in the Soath three-liths of the slaves were added. Since the proclama-
tion of freedom, and tho adoption of the
constitutional amendmant forever abollshing slavery, the South have galaed two-fifhs more
Influence than they liad in the days when humau serviuue Was coir corner-stone.
Thus, formerly it would have taken 200,000
backs to secure one representative, whille now 127,000 are entitiled to one, attiough
iot one vote can be cast by the whole number who are represented. According to
the census of 1880 , the Southern States were entitled to eighty four members of Congress. dred thousand slaves. Now the white popu-
lation, at 127,000 to each representative would remaining seventeen being secured under the constitutional law. At the present time, in
place of $2,400,000$ blacks being counted, there will be $4,000,000$ who will be represented by
thirty members in the lower House, or they will thus gain thirteen more members, or New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island combined. The additional power thus secured
is theirs without extending to the blacks a single vote, or giving them willingly a single flush of gratitude, has forced upoh the South thirteen more members of Congress, as
a reward of their rebellion. The fruit of their treason is this acquisition of power, and,
should they be readmitted, we would have ninety-seven Southern to one hundred and
forty-two Northern representatives, ora population numbering but $8,000,000$ whites has nearly as much power as one including 2,200 ,
000 . This is a gross and flagrant violation of the fundamental doctrine of a republican Gov-
ernment, a repetition of the old truckling syco phancy which we had hoped the war had sucthe Northern voter, and a system whcih can-
not but promote ill-felling between the sections, and endangerour national life. The only feasible remedy is that sugzested
in the Reconstruction Committee, and which General Scienck says has the approval of
the President. The national authoritios have no right to extend to the blacks the privilege
of suffrage, as that is specially reserved for the local powers; but they can decide on the
elective apportionment of the House. measure advocated is to limit the apportlonment to voters, and not to residents. To say
that every 25,000 voters, and not 127,000 inhabitants shall constitute a Congreasional district, and flacks from having an Infleonce in Comen, gress which they cannot themselves exert. By this means only such Southerners as shall
be pardoned citizens of the United States be pardoned citizens of the United States
would be counted in the enumeration, and all blacks and traitors be excluded uatil they
were admitted to the right of would act as an inducement to the whites to extend the privilige to the freedmen in ordder
to gecure additional representatives, and would to secure additional representatives, and would
have the effect of securing periect equality of influence between the eitizens of every por-
tion of the Union. We therefore warmily ad tion of the Union. We therefore warmly ad-
vocate the adoption of the amendment by
 To Which of the VIorors Beloye
the Sporls?-The recent publication of the mount of prize monoy allotted to the various
ranking officers of the navy, has attracted at-
tention to the evident iniustice whin tention to the evident injustice which charac-
terizes the basis of such a division. It will been published, those of the seamen who con-
stituted the crew not being given. We can tell, however, the amount given to them by
comparison. The law on the subject pre-
cribes thas the amw scribes that the amount of money accruing
trom the capture of a prize shall be divided
into three equal parts-one of which commander of the squadron, unless the vessel
be on detached service; one to the offlcers and
crew pro rata to their pay; and the last to the Government. It will be thus seen how
Admiral S. P. Lek, in his delicious berth at Fortress Monroe, receives 899,000 for doing
nothing; how Porrkr, on the Mississippi,
gets his 890,000 ; while FARRA ing from port to port, lashed to the mast-head auring dangerous engagements, winning honor
at Mond being everywhere where danger threatened and glory could be achieved, gets
for his services $\$ 55,000 \rightarrow$ a little more than
half as much as those who did much less serrice and hold a much inferior rank. Thus the glaring injustice of such a division to the officers themselves will be seen.
It is even more wrong
Iemands of the aailors and subordinates the comsidered. What had Admiral LeE or Ad-
miral Porter to do with nine-tenths of the captures made; where would they stand? There is every prospect that they did not see
the fight or know of the arrival of the prize the fight or know of the arrival of the prize
in the neighborhood until she was manned by prize goes to the Admiral for holding a spyglass, and ruling with rigor on his own ship,
while the lieutenant and sailors who secured while the lieutenant and sailors who secured
the vessel, undergo the danger, and risk life miserable pittance of one-third. The share which would be allotted to a common sailor
will, if be has undergone all the privations, be about five hundred dollars, in comparison With the one hundred thousand dollars of the
useless, safe Admiral in command of the squadron. Again, the little money even thus
acquired has to be divided among all the crews of all the vessels in sight at the time. Thus those who do the work receive less
than those who, sale in the distance, view, or, miles away, are supposed to command
vessel by which the capture is effected. And this is called justice! This is a fair tribution of prize money I It is a wrong a an outrage on the American seamen. It
savors too much of the nobility in the British
navy navy; of the Admiral of the Red, of the White,
and of the Blue. We call on the Naval Committees of Congress to see that some rectifcation of this evil Is effected. If bravery is to
be rewarded, and daring and helst be rewarded, and daring and heroism en-
couraged; fiwe want Nelsoxs, Joneses, and couragedaurs, they must come from the lower grades, and the best incentive to fame is to
secure such a reward as will stimulate the
young to exertion. When this is done and
y. young to exertion. When this is donee, and
justice is secured, then We can expect to see
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