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### Terms of Reconstruction.

From the Tribune.

The Daily News is in want of information, and very properly applies to the Tribune. Quoting that clause of the Federal Constitution which prescribes that

"Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications or its own members,"

it asks:-

"Does the Tribune mean to say that this clause "Does the Tribune mean to say that this clause gives to the two Houses of Congress any power to declare, by concurrent resolution, that neither House shal', without the consent of the other. Do the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members?" and does not the Tribune know that that is exactly what the two Houses of Congress have done under the dictation of Mr. Thad, Stevens and his Central Directory?"

Answer. No, sir! we presume it entirely within the "power" of either House, regardless of the other, to day to admit representatives of the seceded States to seats on its floor. Yet the matter is so grave, so novel, so complicated, and involves such far-reaching consequences, that it seems eminently proper that the two Houses should consult, confer, compare notes, and co-operate in their action upon it. They are mutually affected by whatever either may do in the premises, and do well to act accord-ingly. And this, under the "dictation" referred to, they have wisely agreed to do.

The News asks further:-"Does the Tribune pretend that a clause which gives to each House the power to decide upon the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, gives to the two Houses of Congress the power, against the entreaties and protest of the President, to derupt the Union, and to expel from the Contederation of States eleven of its co-equal members?"

Answer.—The loyal men now in the ascendant in Congress did not "disrupt the Union." You did that, Messrs. Rebels! so far as it has been done at all. They did not expet eleven States (more or less). You tore them out of the Union, so lar as you could do it, impelling their representatives in Congress to abandon their seats with an imposing parade of contempt and denance or the Union, and the most theatrical protestations that their States would never, never return to the Union, nor send representa-tives to its C: pitol. Yet now, after four years of bloody, desolating war to destroy the Union, you fume, and rave, and threaten, because one year has not sufficed to get your representatives back into the seats they so ostentatiously spurned! Your hot haste is indecent—discredi-

The News continues:-

"The Tribune knows very well that no Southern Senator or Representative is excluded from his seat because of any fault to be found with his 'election return, or qualification,' but because it is the theory of the revolutionists that the State whose representative be claims to be is not in the Union, and therefore, not entitled to requestration. fore not entitled to representation.

Remark .- No, sir! we do not know this. Mem bers of Congress should be elected by loyal Union-loving citizens, which most of those now seeking admission to seats were not. One "qualification," required by law of members is a right hand unreddened by the blood of loyal men fighting to uphold the Union; and most of your pretenders lack this. But, beyond and above all else, it is indispensable that that portion of the people of the Southern States who never seceded from the Union, and never were traitors to it, shall have a voice and a vote in choosing the members who are to represent these eleven States in Congress.

Let the Southern loyalists vote-secure their right to a voice in the Government which taxes, rules, and judges them-and we waive every other requirement. But we will not, we never can, agree that the late Rebels of the South shall be represented in Congress to the exclusion of their steadfastly loyal neighbors—that 300,000 white Rebels in South Carolina (for example) shall have equal weight in our common Govern-ment with 600,000 white Unionists in Maine or Iowa-that the Southern blacks shall be legally gagged, and their white neighbors empowered to speak twice in their stead, though not in their behalf; and it is a most arrogant presumption that insists that this shall be conceded. We are willing that the five millions of ex-Rebels shall have equal power, man for man, with the loyal people, North and South—but no more. If they disdain this, and insist on counting themselves two to our one, they will have to wait a while before they get into Congress at all.

## The Fenians-The Excitement in the British Provinces.

From the Herald. The Canadian journals fume a great deal about the Fenians, and amuse themselves and their readers with the use of the flercest phrases. They hold our Government responsible for all the Fenian trouble, and directly charge it with conniving at the plans of the Fenian leaders. They make this charge rather early; for, though we are as well informed as others respecting the movements of these excited Irishmen, we have not yet heard of their having taken a town of the size of St. Albans, Vermont, Many subjects of her Majesty, Irishmen mostly, have sought asylum, and homes even, in our midst, saying that they had been driven to do this by tyranny of British law. We know that many subjects of our own Government, saying the same things against our laws, sought asylum in her Majesty's dominions during the years of the

We know that they crossed the line and committed outrages against us, and it may be that the Canadians reason from what they did as to what the Irish may do. But Governments cannot act on such reasons. They must have the more substantial basis of facts. As yet the Irish have violated no law. They have neither taken any town, nor roobed a bank, nor killed taken any town, nor roobed a bunk, nor killed even a single man in any of her Majesty's Ioyal provinces. Neither have we heard that these men had captured a British ship, of the size of the Chesapeake, say. It is constantly rumored that they intend to try this. But bad intentions are not criminal; attempt is not success; and rumor is not evidence. Above all, we have not learned that men had been held guiltless in an American court for the capture of any such ship.

ship.
It is not even alleged by the Canadians them-It is not even alleged by the Canadians themseives that the Fennas had taken passage in our ports on any Canadian lake or river steamer, murdered the captain and crew, and confiscated the vessel. There is no evidence that they have, while living under the protection of our law, concocted a plan to burn a great city like Montreal or Quebec, and send their agents forward bearing the necessary material. If they have arranged in New York, Boston, or Chicago, any diabolical plan for the murder of the Governor of Canada and his Cabinet, it is not known, and the men, much as we may regret it, must be

Governments made their utmost efforts to do their duty in restraining the Confederates, and we all know what poor success they had.

Laws for the punishment of crime restrain men principally by moral force, in fixing a prescribed penalty to a given not; but when pa or a sense of injury carries a man, like a whirl wind, above the influence of all moral restraint. it is evident that he can rush out and plunge a knife into another in spite of all law, and before the machinery of law can interfere. So, if men are excited by a sense of national wrongs and h spirit of patriotism, until they regard all the penalties prescribed as utterly trivial compared to the good they hope to secure, it is evident, from the many examples that Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia gave us during the war, that they can rush across a frontier, take a town, murder the citizens, plunder the banks, and capture the ships before any one can pre-vent it. Provision against such raids cannot be co-extensive with a whole frontier, and the raiders must only take the precaution to fix on some town—like St. Albans, say—that is wholly

We say this for the comfort of New Brunswick, Canada, and Nova Scotia, and in that they may know we sympathize with them now just as they did with us, under similar circumstances, some time ago. The whole country would be sorry to hear that the Fenians had followed the bad examples set across the line; but the provinces may feel assured, in this unfortunate state of affairs, that if the Fenians do burn, murder, and plunder across the lines, and then seek refuge on our side, the case will then be taken up with proper vigor, and all be done that justice would seem to require.

#### The Fisheries Question.

From the World. We suggested the other day a solution of the fishery dispute that has arisen out of the abrogation of our Reciprocity treaty with the British Provinces north of us, which seems to us more peaceful and feasible than any other. That suggestion was, that our neighbors in the Provinces should await, as the South is doing, the return of reason and good sense in politics of the United States. When delayed—for fanaticism will not always reign —a treaty of reciprocity will be entered into, more liberal and judicious than the one which has just been abolished. Meanwhile, let the Provinces impose a light tonnage tax upon American fishermen. The best of them will pay it gladly, and they will be more efficient than the whole British navy in keeping off those who do not, and who, for the sake of a mackerel catch, would emoroll as in a quarrel. We observe in the columns of some or our contemporaries a tendency to push our Government into extreme ground upon the subject. What the Rump Congress may do, no man can tell; but the country has reason to believe that the Executive will suffer himself to be driven into no position not tenable under the strictest construction of the law of nations.

Under the common theory that a Government is master of its territory to the extent of a cannon-shot, or three marine miles, from its shore, it would follow that our fishermen have a right to enter and fish in any bay the mouth of which is more than six miles wide. But besides that, the inshore fisheries are the valuable fisheries on the Northern coast, and besides that the mea surement of distances on the sea is not very tikely to be accurately done by a Yankee fisherman in a log who is intent on herring, the advocates of extreme measures will do well to remember that, whatever rule our Government were to insist upon as against the Provinces, it must stand really to accept as against ourselves. All treaties being at an end, the rights acquired by treaty fall with them; and now the rights we claim under the law of nations for American fishermen in the provincial bays, we must stand ready to con-cede under the law of nations to British and French and Spanish crait in our own bays. Says Kent:— The executive authority of this country in 1793 considered the whole of Delaware Bay to be within our territorial jurisdic tion, and it rested its claim upon those authoriwhich admit that gulfs, channels, and arms of the sea belong to people with whose land they are encompassed. It was intimated that the law of nations would justify the United States in attaching to their coasts an extent into the beyond the reach of cannon shot, sidering the great extent of the line of the American coasts, we have a right to claim for fiscal and delensive regulations a liberal ex-tension of maritime jurisdiction; and it would not be unreasonable, as I apprehend, to assume for domestic purposes connected with our safety and welfare, the control of the waters on our coast, though included within lines stretching from quite distant headlands, as, for instance, from Cape Ann to Cape Cod, and from Nantucket to Montauk Point, and from that point to the Capes of the Delaware, and from the South Care of Florida to the Mississippi ?

Cape of Florida to the Mississippi."
It behooves us to consider, therefore, and we make no doubt that President Johnson has already considered, whether it is worth while to proclaim our surrender of exclusive jurisdiction and control over Long Island and Albe-marle sounds, the Delaware and Chesapeake bays, Boston harbor, and the Bay of San Francisco, for the sake of pushing our fishermen into these Northern harbors—when an avoidance of such surrender is possible, when the peaceable continuance of our Northern fisheries is possible, by some such a simple and temporary compromise as the payment to the pro-vinces of a light tennage tax on all American vessels which seek their inshore fishing grounds.

#### When Shall We Pay Our Debt? From the Times.

The burdens of taxation are hard on the people and hard on industry. No business man can pass a day without groaning under them, and no man whatever, except the rich, can live without suffering geverely from them. The complexity of the taxes, as well as their magnitude, troubles us all. There is hardly anything that escapes taxes, and on nearly the balf of all things they are levied twice or thrice, or half a dozen times, under a variety of forms and upon

the most remarkable pretexts.

The patience with which the country has borne them is now severely tried. It has been sustained heretotore by considerations of necessity and of honor. The people themselves—we may almost say as a body—were the owners of the Government securities, and consequently inthe Government securities, and consequently interested in sustaining the Government credit at the highest point; and no one could fall to see that to enect (his the revenues of the Government must be large as well as steady. Our national pride, too, has worked greatly in aid of the Government in this matter. We were bound to show an incredulous world that our debt and

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We should be sorry to hear that the Fennans had done any of these things. Such acts are simply horrible pieces of barbarism. This we thought and said when they were committed on our soil by men who had the encouragement, and assistance of the Canadians, Nova Scotians, and New Brunswickers. But, much as we might regret such acts, it seems to be doubtful whether, in the existing state of neutrality laws, any restraint can be exercised by our Government until after the harm is done. This was shown in the case alluded to. If we accept as definitive the experience of the Canadian Government, it is not possible for us to prevent the Fennans doing what they will; for we must suppose that the Canadian and other provincial

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ing order to enable us to make such estimates with as much accuracy as it can be done in ordinary times in the financial operations of any

And as the tax-payers are continually making these estimates—or rather, as Secretary McCul-loch takes the trouble to do it monthly for their enlightenment—the public are constantly kept informed of the fact that the receips of the Government from taxation very greatly exceed the actual necessities of the Government, and that it is intended to apply the surplus thus ed to reduce the volume of the national debt. In his late speech on the Loan bill, Senator Sperman used these words:-

"During the next year the estimated expenditures of the Gavernment are stated at \$280,000,000. These estimates have been reduced somewant by the bills sent to us by the House of kepresentatives, and it is acarcely possible that the expenditures during the next year can reach \$275,000 000 on the present basis. We have a current revenue now of nearly \$300,000 000 ouring this year. The amount of the rold receipts during the first three quarters of the year was \$140.000 000 and for this quarter will not fall below \$10,000,000. It is supposed that the internal revenue will yield during the current year not less than \$120,000,000 on that including the profits realized on the sale of surplus gold, we have an income of not less than \$500,000,000 of the year, and some authorities place it hipper. Thus it is evident that we have \$200,000.00 do more income this year than we will have expenditures mextyear." expendituresment year "

There have thus been extracted from the country by the Government, during a single year, two hundred million dollars more than the Government required to pay its way. This, too, during a year in which, the derangement of industry and business and of the currency has had the most damaging effect upon business men and laboring mee, and all men and all interests. Is it judicious, under these circum stances, to continue our present enormous rates of taxation? To take a philosophical view of the matter, as regards the past, we may say we think it well that such revenues have been raised and such taxation patiently borne, for one year. It has shown what we can do and bear. It has made us perfect through suffering. It has estab ished public confidence in the Goveroment credit, and given mankind faith in our

national honor. Aside from these moral aspects of the case, it has doubtless done vast and incalculable damage to our material interests; but the moral aspects in this case have paipably overridden all temporary material considerations. Is it wise, however, to continue to tax the people and injure industry merely for the purpose of attempting at this time to pay off the huge debt contracted during the war? We have no thought of permitting this debt to become a ermanent thing in our governmental economy. We have no idea of permitting the fact that it must be paid to be lost sight of. We have no notion of ceasing entirely in the labor of reducing it. But would it not be well, after what we have borne and accomplished in late exhausting military struggle, to ask of the country a little less than to plunge at once with its entire energies into an equally ex-nausting and altogether needless financial strug-Would it not be well to give the people and the public interests a period of rest, or at least to lighten somewhat their burdens, when it is evidently feasible to do so? It will take but a limited time for the country to regain its former prosperity, and for our industrial interests to reach a point of development far beyond anything in our past experience. And the measure of faxation that is now afflicting to endure will then seem but as a feather on the back of this broad shouldered people.

#### Enemies of the Government From the Daily News.

The Black Republican party is, at heart, opposed to the principle of universal suffrage. The private views of the individuals of that party are, as every one knows, hostile to the system which makes property liable to be outvoted by lator. Municipal elections, from Portland to Chicago, bring out annual denunciations of the doctrine which, as these denunciations aver, assigns the payment of taxes to one class of society and the expenditure of those taxes to another. The bitter hate with which the party in the ascendancy in Congress regards the Democracy, the tone of anger with which it almost always refers to the Democracy, on the rostrum or in the press, originates, in fact, on the ground that that party is the great body of the enfranchised children ot toil. And your millowner, with his inflated wealth upstart arrogance; your shoddy grandee with his greenbacks, so new to his hands that he must thrust them with him into society, represent, in the vulgarity of their souls, my lords of the proud stomach, who, consolidated Black Republicanism, spit, forsooth, upon

the suffrage of the poor!

The opposition of the party in power to universal suffrage has passed out of private life. It stands proven substantially in the attempt made recently to cheat this city, by a false census, out of her rightful representation in the Legislature of the State. The new law governing elections in New York was evidently prompted by hostility to general entranchisement; for, when it threw obstacles in the way of voting, by insisting that, with a limit set on the time for keeping the polls open, each foreign voter shall be subject to the test of an examination of his certificates of naturalization, it took tion of his certificates of naturalization, it took open ground in opposition to the principle of universal suffrage. And the conclusion that the Black Republicans are hostile to the general franchise, on which the Government of white men rests, becomes still further enforced by the fact that, in their attacks upon it recently in Congress, some or them have proposed, openly, that it be restricted to those only who can read

and write! The opposition to the universal suffrage cannot be carried out by the Black Republican leaders in the face of direct attack. Their pretended delense of the right of the negro to vote, on the ground of his atteged equation of intelligence with the foreigner who is admitted to the suf-frage, points cut plainly the line of their approach to the sanctuary of our republicanism. With the prejudice of the country culisted in their one laught upon universal suffrage in the case of the naturalized citizen, and public judg-ment enlisted in it in the case of the extension of that suffrage to four millions of semi-civilized negroes, the Black Republicans know well that if successful in their present agitation, they will defeat universal sufrage before the people, under a movement of reaction. Permit four millions of more or less barbarous blacks to make a mockery of political franchise, and our life upon the issue, the black Republican enelife upon the issue, the Black Republican enemies of universal suffrage will advocate, and carry before this people, as the only means of retracing their steps in that tatal purpose, the restriction of suffrage by some test of education or of property. With what alarming truth, then, Mr. Johnson has denounced leaders of that party as "enemies of the Government." the country may understand when it recollects that those very leaders are careering at full speed on the high road to the destruction of the foundation of the Government—universal suffrage.

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