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Erening Odequaph
 by no stronger arguments than these. Grant-
ing the assumed facts of History to be as elaimed in the foregoing extract, what does
the argument amount to except the eld, worn-
out but out, but ever-renewed one of a purblind con-
servatism, that, laving done wrong in the past, we ought to continue to do os o in the
future? Our fathers oppressed the colored futuref Our fathers oppressed the colored
citizens, thererore we should do so. We ourselves have hitherto done injustice to this
class of the people, therefore we should continue to do so. This is ap argument that may
satify conscienceless prejudice, but it can satiefy conscienceless prejudice, but it can
never satisfy the demands of justice and right. To answer a man's claim to present
iustice by referring him to his experience or past injustice, is a sty le of reasoning, or,
rather, a style of disregarding reason, which none but a conservative, in the worst sense
of that much misuged word, would be guilty
of. The true argument is, that it we have done wrong in the past, so much the more
reason why we should do right in the tutire.
why it should cease to exist. The argument of the Clicago Times is,
that the past course of the Democratic party on this question has resulted in disaster, and
if adhered to will result in death. To which the $A g e$ replies, "We have always done so,",
The argument of the Boston Post is, that deprivation of rights on account of color is
unjust. To wbich, again, the Age replies, But in the extract above given, our con-
temporary falifites the facts of history as grossly as he violates the caions of sound
reasoning and rigbt lleeling. The assertions reasoning and rigbt leeling. The assertions ture of government;" and that "white men
framed the Constitution and enacted the framed the Constitution and enacted the
laws, and then declared that the compact, with all the rights and privileges springing
from it, was made for themselves and their posterity" - meaning for them only; that "the
colored man was not recognized in a political colored man was not recognized in a polititeal
sense then;" that "in some of tho States negroes have been granted the ballot, but
always with such restrictions as mark the
difference between the white and colored races," are each and all of them not merely untrue, but positively talse.
The Declaration of Independence, the frrst great organic act of the people of this nation,
declared "all men" to be "created equal."
Two years later the Articles of O mnfederation Two years later the Articles of O melederation
were formed, and remanined the law of present Constitution. Those artieles recog-
nized free negroes as citizens, and granted to them the same privileges of citizenship
which belonged to white inhabitants. the efforts ot the delegates trom South Caro-
tina, who tried to amend the articles so as to contine the clitzenship to whites; but the
proposed amendment was lost, only tive States voting for it. They were thus citizens of the
United States from the very foundation of the Government. In five, at least, of the origi-
nal thirten states, free colored men possessed the elective francbise, and were thus
a portion or the very people that elected the a poegates who tramed, and the Conven-
dilons and Legislatures that adopted, the Constitution. They had been declared "equal"
by the Declaration or IIdependence; they cles of Confederation; and they no Arurecognized portion of the polltical State,
participatet, through theil reproseatatives, in the framing and ndoptlon of the Constitution. So much for the facts of history.
We might here rest the case, but
to introduce a liftle consereative testimony


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