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turough the action of Congres. This em-
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His form of expresesion was that the RebelHis form or expression was that the Rebel-
 tated the creation of new State organizations
in the ditrticts of country originally ooculpied by the loyal State Governments of the
 portance, and is the key really to the whole
struggle. It conflies the quastion wholy to struggle. It conflines the quastion whioly to
the power and rigt of the President, solely
and on his own motion, oo organize states and dive them a constiutional statusus in the
Unton. It is not at all
guestion as to the Unton. It is not at all a question as to the
effect of the Rebelition upon the State organizations of the south, for both the Presidestroy those organizations. metaphysical absurdities of "once a state parties star out from an ackzowledged fact, Mi2, , he overrtirow of all civil goverrment-
the abolition of all State orgaizations-by What department of the Geron remings, tharized to reconstruct the South? Mr.
Stevens' bill aseerts in its preamble that the Mork of reconstruee
and it goes on to perongs may form valid State Governments in a cer But here we are at the outset met with the
Bund reated In the late Rebel States. What shall
 the tme being, in theees states? Mr. Sterens
bill proposes no such thing. It timply reogznizes the jactis in regardio these orgaiza the midst of martial law; that in many instances their constitutions were adopted under duress, and not submitted to the people Lor ratification; but that they are de facto
governmente, and are now to be by Congress legalized as valid for municipal parposes
until they shall be duly altered. The bill next provides for the organization of toyal State Governments, to take the place
of these temporary municipal organizations created by the President. To this end elec-
tions are to be held in each of the ten unreconstructed states on the first Monday in
May, 1887, for the choice of delegates to Constitut onal Conventions, whick are to tive States on the first Monday in June, to
trame Constitutions wheh shall be submitted o the loyal voters of the several States for their ratification or rejection. The offiers
for the conducting of these elections are to be appointed by a Board of three Commisappointed by the Supreme Court of the Distriet of Columbia. The returns of the elec
tiong are to be made to these Commissioners Who are to grant cer ififcates of election
to the members elected. So far the bill conorms members elected. So far the bill con-
orme prest precedents for the for-
mation of State Governments in this mation of State Governments in this Union,
and is altogetber superion to the laws pre and is altogetber superior to the laws pre-
seribed by President Jolinson for the conatruction or his state Governments.
The next vital point that comes up is as to who are to be considered "the people" in the
formation of these state organizations. Here Congrese proposes to adhere firmly to the
prineiple ao uniformily maintained throughout the war, and by no one more conspicuously
than by President Johnson himself-that the loyal people, and they alone, are to be considered as the people, for the purposes of that the right of voting and holding offlice shall be conferred upon all male eitizens over twenty-one years of age, of one years resi-
dence in the State andid ten dass in the elechon district, the lerm "clizeo" $\omega$ cover al the United States or duly naturalized. persons who were ot full age on the 4th day
of March, 1881, and who have held offle under the Government called the "Confedealleglance to it, are declared to have for felted their citizenship, and to have reStates, and shall not be entitled to vote or hold offlee until five years after they shail vented with citizenship, and ahall swear allegleance to the United States,and renounce al
 ahail be allowed to vote and hold ofllee upon
taking an outt that, on the dth of March,
1884, 1864, and at all times thereafter, they were
opposed to the continumee of the Rebellion and the establibliment of the Confoderate Gorernment, and draired the Buccess of the

United States, and would have complled with | the requirements of the proclamation of the |
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| President of the United States, isaued Decem- | President of the United States, isgued Decem-

ber 8,1883 , could they have anfely done Bo.
This is participated in the Rebellion could expect.
It enforces no pains and penalties of conalsa-
tion or tho lile, but sion tion or the like, but simply says to those who
voluntarily renounced their alleginice to the Voluntarily renounced their nilleginince to the
United States, and adhered throughout the
war to the fortunes of the so-called Confedewacy, that they cannot be restored to political
power without going through a probation and tormalities analagous to those required of
foreigners applying for cltizenship in the United States.
There only remains to be guarded the
repubitcan character of the Governments
to be framed; and this is done by the simple
and fust requirement that the Constitutions
to be framed shall gaarantee an equality of and be ramed shall gaarantee an equalility of
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be declared entilled to all the rights and sab-
ject to all the obligations of States in the Union, and shall then, and not before,
entitled to representaion in Congress. plan proposed by Mr. Stevene for the reco struction of the late Rebel States. We believe It to be both right and practicable; and we
hope that Congrees will stand by this measure as a finality in regard to the vexed prob The Veto Messame Tse veto message of the President in regard
to the Suffrage bil in the District of Coluabia
was expected, and therefore nobody is disap-
pointed now that it makes its appearance. Its pointed now that it makes its appearance. Its
arguments are apecious but utterly untenable, arguments are epecious but utterly untenable,
and are merely the old sophtsms wherewith
uniust power seels to unjust power seeks to perpetuate itself. The
constitutional right of Congress to regulate
the matter or the matter of the sumfrage in the District
cannot be questioned. The only question that remains is, whether the proposed exercise of power accords with justice and moral right.
The entire argument of the President on this point is, that we mus $\backslash$ not do this act of
justice to the distranchised people of the District, because those who now have the power
there are opposed to it.
But this style of resoning But this style of reasoning cannot be
allowed. No man is wroaged because simple
justice is done to his justice is done to his neighlbor. If the present
voting population of the District, or a majo-
vity of rity of them, are opposed to an act of simple
iustice, tiat is no reeson why the people of
the United States, through their Representatives, should hesitate to do it.
The truch is, the wishes of this faction of the pecple of the District are entitled to to but very
little respect. They were mainly a disloyal set durine respect. They were mainly a disloyal set
during the war, and had it been lett to their vote to decide, would have chosen Jef: Davis
in preference to Abraham Lincoln. of the suffrage ls based upon the same
grounds wherewilh the autocrats of the Old World oppose the, extension of the suffrage
there. They are good arguments for a for a republie. There is a certain risk in
allowing the people to vote, but it is a risk which in republican forms of government is
assumed at the outset.


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had no name on ber stern, and bher nfter-house
and cabin were painted fest color, her wiodow
blinds preen, blinds green, and her tops and yards black.
The sickness which has been prevaling at St
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