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 Oos Democratio contemporary makes the fol-
lowing plea in belhale of the so-called State

 our contemy
disregard of
The act ap sae severtained in 1880 , was passed March 4,
18aze, two yerars before the present State Govern-
ment of Louisiana had any erstene, and some time before the Federal troops had even eap-
tured Now Orleans I Moreover, if the passage
of that act "recognized" any State Govermment
in Louisian, it nuast have been the Rebel ond,
of which the Rebel "Governor" Allen was the head, because that was the only one then
In existence. Hence it would follow that the
present so scalled State Government of Loui-
siana is a mere usurpation, with no rightful temporary's logic, ought to be overthrown.
Again, if the act apportioning representa-
tives among the several states was a reeognithen in existence in Louisiana, it was equally
a recognitton of the validity of every other
Rebel State Government then in existence.
And from this, again, flows the inevitable conolusion that every one of the so-called State
Goverments, in the late Rebel States, is a
nourpation, deserving of overthrow.
Our contemporary's.argument, therefore, is*
fatal to the legality of the Governments set ap Ry President Johnson in the late Rebel States.
by
It makes them to be unconstitutional and
revolutionary. It leaves ground to stand upon. It is a complete justi-
fication both of the Eliot bill and of the mili-
tary reconstruction bill, so far as the over-
throw of the illegal and bastard "State Governments" of the South are concerned.
The second attempted argument of our
contemporary, that Congress has recognized the present S
counting the
ratification of ratification of the Constitutional amendment,
has the capital defect of resting upon an
assumed faot which is no fact. Congress did assumed fact which is no fact. Congress rid
not coont the vote of Loonisiana upon the rati-
fication of that amendment. That knoocks the Congress never counted the votes cast apon
that amendment by any or all of the States.
It simply proposed the amendment, without It simply proposed the amendment, without
specifying whether the late Rebel States were
entitled to take part in in ts ratification or not.
President Johnson assumed that they were, President Johnson assumed that they were,
and foreed them to ratify it; but Congress had pothing to do with the matter. If, as a matuer
of faot, toe late Rebel States were entitlod to
vote upon that amendment, then it was duty rote upon thas amena ont, acting under daress
ratifed, unless the plas of and be set up by the late Rebel States
should Which the President forced to act as they did the amendment reoeived a sufficient number o
votes for its adoption by the States actually
constituting the (foreoment constituting the fovernment.
No; the trath is that, from its very incep.
tion, Congreas has refased to recognize the legality of the soctalled State Government of Lousiana. In has steady refused admession
to Representatives from it. It refused to allow
It to takke part in the Presidential election of
1864. That "Goovernment" has no basis of law or right to stand upon. It is a m
usurpation, and a poor one at that.
Passage of the League Island Bill.
The Jeague Island bill finally pussed the Tur Jegge Island bill finally pussed.
Senate yesteriay by the handsome vote of to 17. The main speeches in opposition to the
bill were made by Senator Footer, of Conecti-
cut, Senator Riddle, of Delavare, and Senator Davis, of Kentucky. Senator Grimes, of loway
had chargeof the bill, and succeededin bring ing it to a vote. Sunar
one of the most active nud influcatial sup-
porters of the bill, and tiss flmal passuge is due
In no small degree to his exertion. The bill originally passed the House of Rop-
resentatives somes months ago, and as no It goes direotly'to the President for his sigua.
turo. The loation is still subject to the approval of a board of officers to be appointed
the President. Wo congratulate our citizen "Cossmavanusn ILturypatro.-The olaracter
of what plumes itself as "Conservatism" at the present time is wall thastrated hy the sug-
geation of a fourmal of that ilk, that the Presi gestion of a tonrmal of that ilk, that tho Presf-
dent is not bound to execute what he muy
fanog to bo an anconatitutional tlaw. The result of this doctrine, tive but a Judiefial oflleer. Judgment - पpon every act paseed by the repirear he might decide to be constitutional. It ts not wonderful that such a proposi-
tigh phould come from thipe who already





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