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The Test Question—What Will President Johnson Do With It!

Where Jackson stood now doth another stand. The favored ruler of our favored land...

So sings the enthusiastic B. F. French, Commissioner of Public Buildings at Washington, Chief Boutwell Provider for the White House and Poet Laureate of President Johnson.

The angel Gabriel with his trumpet come, The day of judgment and millennium.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming, with his three fearful books—"The Great Tribulation," "The Coming Preparation," and "The Awful Con- summation"—is much nearer the mark.

The raptures of Mr. French are like those of the excited Frenchman at Niagara Falls:—"Ah! it is de grand spectacle! Superb! Magnifique! By gar! he is a come down first rate!"

Moreover, as the hard-listed democ- racy were very much scandalized with the gorgeous silver-plated aristocratic coach-and-four of President Van Buren, what will they say of this royal appendage of a poet laureate to President Johnson?

Upon this test, how stands "the Second Andrew" of the emperored Mr. French? It appears that the Blair, the whole family, from the old man down, advise the President to smother the bill in his pocket.

Washington advises concur in anticipating a veto of the Reconstruction bill. It is expected to be sent in to-morrow.

We can regard this veto no otherwise than as a very grave mistake and a national misfor- tune; and hopeless as may be the task, we cannot refrain from showing why this bill should not be vetoed.

Let us begin by admitting that the terms of reconstruction proposed in the bill are harsher than we wish they were—as they are harsher than they would have been had not the Democratic minority of the House chosen to follow the lead of Mr. Thaddeus Stevens.

As to the military provisions of the bill now before the President, it must be considered that they amount in substance to this—The President is clothed with power to maintain order and protect loyal men from outrage and murder.

Again: No one will contend that no negroes have been killed since the surrender of the Rebel armies. We know that negroes have here killed whites, and have been punished therefor, as was right.

Need we argue that those assassins must and will be punished, even though it should be necessary to this end that judges should be hurried from the bench and assigned to the dungeon? If there is anything on which the loyal heart of the country is fixed, it is that there shall be law and order at the South, and that the Rebel assassins of loyal men shall be punished.

Black Clouds in the Southern Sky. From the Times. One reason which led many persons to tolerate the passage of the Reconstruction bill, who disapprove wholly of its principles, was apprehension that the longer the subject is left open the more severe and intolerant will be the terms imposed upon the South.

ary government to back them up, as a substitute for it. And Reverdy Johnson, a staunch Democrat and a Southern man, voted for this bill under the apprehension that, if some final action is not now taken, something still worse will be forced upon the country...

As for the residue of these sections, it is almost wholly preliminary or permissive in character—that is, it authorizes "the South" to reconstruct herself in a certain way, but commands nothing, compels nothing.

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Profoundly believing that the President's approval of this bill would be a great step towards the restoration of our country to harmony and true peace, we cannot yet forego the hope that he will sign it.

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