President Lincoln on Reconstruction. From the Independent.

In the elaborate volume recently issued rem the press by Mr. Arnold, late member of Congress from Illinois, devoted especially to the course of President Lincoln in regard to the abelition of slavery, the author presents an instructive account of the President's views on the policy of reconstruction. Mr. Arnold enjoyed an ample opportunity for gaining accurate information on the subject, both from his official position and his personal relations with Abraham Lincoln, with whom he had maintained an intimate friendship for more than twenty years. His statements, which are marked by equal intelligence and eandor, we believe are worthy of entire reliance, and in the present crisis may serve to throw important light on the minds of the American people.

Nothing could be further from the truth than the assertion which some bold politicians have ventured to make, that the arbitrary policy of Andrew Johnson can find sanction in the example of the late modest and conscientious President. Although Mr. Lincoln did not live ten days after the surrender of General Lee, he immediately addressed himself to the work of reconstruction. He was no theorist, no visionary, no devotee of foregone conclusions, but a wise and practical statesman, intent on securing the permanence of the Government and the unity of the country. His time was too short to develop a policy in all its details; he did not commit himself to any scheme of political speculators, but it is certain that he demanded the most effective guarantees for the safety of the Republic before restoring to power those who had conspired for its overthrow.

It will not be doubted that the freedom of the colored race was an indispensable coadition to any plan for reconstruction which he would countenance. This was explicitly declared in his messages, and repeated in his instructions to Mr. Seward before the conference at Hampton Roads. Equally clear was his opinion with regard to the powers of the Executive and Congress over the condition of the rebellious States. He always took open and consistent ground on this point. His statements with regard to it on many occasions leave no room for dispute. In his first annual message of 1861, he recommends to Congress, as possessed of powers adequate to the anomalous position, the establishment of courts for the administration of justice in such portions of the insurgent States as might be under the control of the Government. In direct opposition to the policy of President Johnson, he proposes this measure, as being himself "unwilling to go beyond the pressure of necessity in the unusual exercise of power."

As soon as the Rebellion was suppressed in any portion of the insurgent territory Mr. Lincoln recognized it as the duty of the Executive to restore the regular course of law and justice. He accomplished this, in the first instance, through the military power; then by the appointment of Provi-sional Governors; and, finally, by the organization of civil government under the direction of the Executive. But he always regarded this as a temporary, subordinate arrangement, before its sanction by Congress. The Rebel State Governments, in his view, were enemies to be overthrown, and new governments of republican form to be established in their stead. It was his function to take the initiatory steps for their organization; but he always treated these proceedings as preliminary, requiring the action of Congress, before the new State Government would be entitled to resume its former political relations, to be represented in Congress, and to vote in the Electoral College.

While he considered the Confederates as public enemies, and all the acts of their government as absolutely null and void, he was y anxious to bring back their territory, freed from the curse of slavery, to its "proper practical relations to the Union." In a letter to General Banks in regard to Louisiana, the President said, "If Louisiana sends members to Congress, their admission to their seats will depend, as you know, upon the respective Houses of Congress, and not upon the Executive." In like manner President Lincoln stated in

his speech on the evening of April 11, 1865, alluding to his annual message of 1863:—"I distinctly protested that the Executive claimed no right to say when or whether members should be admitted to seats in Congress from such States." This was done in spite of the advice to the contrary by a member of his Cabinet, understood to be Mr. Seward, who then held the same rose-colored views with regard to the safety of the Union which have often threatened such serious damage to the interests of the Republic. Other evidence, which it would be tedious to quote, abundantly shows that in the opinion of Mr. Lincoln the terms of readmission to a share in the Government for the rebellious States were to be prescribed by Congress, and not by the Executive.

Not less explicit were Mr. Lincoln's views on the vital question whether the States whose people had been in rebellion would be entitled to vote in the Electoral College-a right correlative to that of representation in Congress. In his Message of February 8, 1865, he remarks that to the two Houses of Congress belonged exclusively the right "to exclude from counting all electoral votes deemed by them to be illegal," while at the same time he signed the joint resolution by which the votes of the eleven States in rebellion were excluded from the Electoral College

of 1864. Quite as little doubt exists with regard to President Lincoln's ideas on the practical question of reconstruction. He insisted that loyalty should be the basis of every plan. He would exclude certain classes of the late Rebels both from voting and holding office. In his message of December, 1863, he says:-"There must be a test, so as to build only from the sound." "An attempt to guarantee a revived State Government constructed from the very element against whose hostility and violence it is to be protected, is simply absurd." His whole course was in accordance with this principle. He made Union men the sole foundation of political power. No Rebel, who did not take the amnesty oath and give plenary evidence of repentance, might be permitted to vote. He appointed none but loyal men to office. He selected none of his Provisional Governors from the ranks of the Rebels. No man ever received office from him who could not take the oath with clean hands. He did not say in wellrounded phrase that "Rebels must take the back seats," but he placed none but staunch and faithful men in the front seats. He cherished no vindictive feelings towards the Rebels; he welcomed every returning sinner with kindness and magnanimity; but his heart yearned with strong affection towards the brave Union men of the rebellious States. These were the men who had stood firm in the time of trial, that were to be entrusted with power, and honored with official

With regard to the position of the negro in the reconstructed Republic, Mr. Arnold de-

clares that he has evidence, which cannot now be made public, showing that the policy of Mr. Lincoln, had he lived, would have been founded on general amnesty and negro suffrage. The language of his own speeches proves that he was in favor of bestowing the elective franchise on the blacks, certainly at least 'on the intelligent and to those who had exposed their lives for their country by serving in the Union army," and eventually on all loyal men, whether white or black.

It is, therefore, idle to quote the example of the late President in support of the usurping policy of Andrew Johnson. It is worse than idle; it is a positive deception. The political measures of the two men were as wide apart as their personal characters. Lincolnhumble, teachable, self-forgetting, with broad and liberal views of the interests of the whole country-desired the restoration of the Union on the basis of loyal attachment; Johnsonarbitrary, opinionated, with a high concelt of himself-is working for the triumph of his party at the risk of again placing in peril our national existence.

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