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General Lee and the Congressional Plan of Reconstruction.

of the Congressional plan of reconstruction could be desired than the manifesto of General Robert E. Lee, published by us a few days since. In that document he avows himself strongly in favor of the people of Virginia voting for a convention, and urges every man, not actually disfranchised, not only to take the necessary steps to prepare himself to vote, but to prepare all his friends, white and colored, to vote also. Not only this, but the General actually endorses the oath to be taken by voters, saying that it "is such as every citizen, not disfranchised, ought now to be able to take, as a simple matter of truth and duty as a citizen of the country."

These are significant words, and, coming from General Lee, will have wonderful weight with the late Rebel portion of the Southern people. He is their idol. He was their great leader during the war, and it must be confessed displayed many fine military qualities. His modest and unostentatious behavior since the war closed has done much to soften the feelings even of loyal men towards him. His present utterances will tell powerfully upon public sentiment all over the South.

Robert E. Lee's present to that of our Northern conservative fanatics ! While they are denouncing the wise and humane provisions of the Reconstruction law, making mock lamentations over the destruction of so-called Southern "States," hypocritically bemoaning the downfall of civil liberty, prating about military despotism, and making noodles of themselves generally, General Lee accepts the situation in good faith, recognizes the citizenship of the freedmen, declares the test oath to be such a one as every good citizen ought to be able to take, and urges the people to go to work honestly and unitedly under the law. The truth is, our Northern conservative fanatics are terribly chagrined and exasperated because they see that the Congressional plan of reconstruction is working like a charm, and is going to succeed. They had a lot of little pocket States, cooked up by President Johnson, in which all the political power was placed in the hands of the late Rebels, and the Union men disfranchised, by the admission of which they hoped to rush into Congress a lot of Democratic Senators and Representatives, and then cast a solid Southern vote for the Democratic candidate for President in 1868. This nice little scheme was "knocked into a cocked

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vetoes have ceased to excite public attention.

of the bill, which the House sustained, and In the Senate, a like line of proceeding pre-

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GENERAL SICKLES' ORDER ASSUMING COMMAND issued an admirable order on assuming command of the Second District under the Reconand North Carolina. He informs the people are provisional only, and in all respects subject to the paramount authority of the United States at any time to abolish, modify, or tribunals fail to arrest persons charged with promptly exerted. The General earnestly invites the co-operation of all good citizens in preventing conduct calculated to disturb the peace, and garnestly commends to the people of North and South Carolina unreserved obedience to the authority now established, and the diligent, considerate, and impartial execu-tion of the laws enacted for their government.

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