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## The Attorney-General's Opinion. Tas publication of Attorney-General Stan-

 Tas publication of Attorney-(teneral Stan-berys's "opinion" in fall confirms the outgiv-
figge of the press for the last few days concerntnge of the press for the linst few days concorn-
ing its olaraacter. His in iffeot a nullifination
of the Reoonitruetion law passed by Congreass, of the Reoonatruction law passed by Cougreas,
and showas very cloarly that the President doess not intend to exeoute the law in good faith.
I is, in trath, his justification for not exeoutIng it. Under a pretense that the law could
not be understood, the Attorney-Ceneral has been callied upon for a construction of it, and
he has given just such an one as his master
deaired. desired. This sudden diffloulty or understand-
ing the law is very singular. The President
found no diffoulty in understanding it, or pretending to, when the law was before him for
his approval ornegation. And, strange enough, he understood it then in an exnotiy opposit
Bense from what he now adopts. Stanbery
Was his ready tool in both instances. He
sid to have written the veto sam to have written the veto messages, and
now he furniskes the opinion whioh stamps
the veto messages as decoptive and fraudulent
in in every important partioular. If this
"opinion," which Attorney-General Stanbery
has manufaturedto order for Androw Jolnoson,
as his exouse for not exeouting the Revonst hustion lawe, be correct, if its allegations
be true, if its construotion of the
law bohonest, then the messages vetoing the
Reconstruetion law, with their high-sounding
denunciations, their impassioned arraigument Reconstraction haw,
denunciations, their impassioned arraignment
of its provisions, their statements of the ex-
traordinary powers it preposed to confer, in-
deed, their entire tone and spirit, must be put people under the guise of solemn offiocial decla-
rations, and as the mere clap.trap of the most
ordinasry demagoguery. The veto measages
and the opinion cannot both be true. They and the opinion cannot both be true. They
are diametrically opposed. They treat of the
same subpeot, and contain contradictory state-
ments uponthe same points. Fach is a complete
refutation of the other. If either be true, the other cannot possibly be so.
Suoh a state of facts as this is must go far to
deprive Mre Johnson of what little conifience anybody still had in him. For instance, how
must any man now feel who read and believed
Mr. Johnson's arraignment of the Reconstruction law in his veto messages, when he finds
by the opinion that said law is an entirely dif-
ferent thing, and that its supposed specially How much oheap indignation, acoording to
thiss opininon, did Mr. Jhhnon and his friends
Waste upon Congress ! How grosily hemis-
represented the character of ita acts! His de. nunoiations are now seen to have merely been
for effect. It was a adeep polltiatal game that his
Excellency was playing, in which the passions
of the people were to bo wantonly aroused,
the the country gratuitously exasperated, and the
fires of politioul agitation unnecessarily fanned
to a flame. He was an actor, "stratting his brief hour" upon the national stage, and $h$
must malee his piece lively and entertasing
at whatever disregard of truth. And this i
the man whe never tion Constitution for his guide I who never eeases
to parade his devotion to the good of the The people never stop to regard technicall-
thes. They go to the root of matters-t the
greas questions really involved. Mr. Stangreat questions realy invoved. Mr. stan-
bery's pettifoging opinion will not make the
slightest timpression upon the public mind, so
far as regards the oharacter of the Reconstrucfar as regards the oharacter of the Reconstru
tion law. The people understand that that
law was meant to give effect to a certain polity of reoonstruction, as opposed to a cortain other
policy. It was the triumpk of their policy, as
opposed to his polity. And in this "opinion",
they will see nothing but an attempt of the they will see nothing but an attempt of th
Presidint to overridide ehe popular will, to sul
stitute his own therefor , contest which so shook the country last fall. Shall We Have a special Session
Congress?
Wress Congress adjourned in April, bo Houses made provision for reassembling before
the first Monday io December. By conourrent assemble on the fourth dayy of July, and that,
an oase of no quorum being present, the presiding oflloer had power to adjourn until the
regular time of meeting in December. This regular time of meeting in December.
aotion was caused by a deep-seated distrust
the intentions of the Administration ropresentatives of the loyal North felt that no
confidenoe could be placed in the Executive Department of the General Government; and,
believing that the laws would not be faithfully oxeouted unless under compulsion, they
therefore resolved to reassemble and compel the fulliment of the provisions of the various
bills legally adopted. The time specified for the special sassion is now drawing near, and a quorum of the two Houses will assemble, or next winter?
The decision view of the recent developmenst in Washing. ton, we do not hesitate to declare that it in the to be in his seat on the first of neest month. The publio good requires that a special sesslon
of Congreass be held. The course adopted by the Izeoutive in regard to the meaning and


 rensons, every taxpayer in the city is an muol
interested in the procedings of the Commis-
sion an are ita own members. No possible
good can reate fom In his two decisions the apirit of the law
latd aside as a aseloss thing, and fts lettor
no perverted that so perverted that ti really means nothing
ail. Yet by means of this evasion the nim
of the law have been defated of the law have been defeated. It is a n n
idea in our politieal syatem, that a Cabing
officor con nullify an ant of Congrees. T T
value of the opinion of Jodge Stanbery is ju as valuable as that of any other acute lawyer
but the military commanders are to be judg of its application to their
aasumed to turn the law fro
and the aasumed to turn the law from its true inteat,
and the Exeoutive has declared he has the
power; and untess the strong armoo legisila-
tion intervene, we are in danger of having all the work of a year rorumble away before the
sophistry of a sub-lientenant of the Exect tive. It is a therefore emphatioally y eceessary
that a quorum be prosent on July 1. There is graat work to be done. The Hon. Thaddeus
Stevens, one of the wisest stateamen of the age, with all his faults, presents his views in
a forcibie letter, in which he says:-
"I Thlink 1 l is proper to suggest the proprots
 pretenses of the Attorney-ceneral and the
hopes of the Rebels based thereon.
In order that anything can be done, it is ne-
cessary that a quorum be peresent, and that
quorum must consist of Repnblienus. We



 One or two preliminary meetings of the Com-
mission were held during May, and on the 3d
of Juna a permanent organization was duly
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MoMichael as Presilent, General George G .
Meade as Vice-President,
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of Piladelphlia as dealire to see Fairmon Park what it onght
not be a disgrace to body of men, restricted in its numbers, can
manage such an institution much better than a single olloha, or such City Conuolls. Bu
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we greatly fear the Commission made mistake at the very beginning of the
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 mitted to every business meeting of the Co sary by the fact that on Saturday a meeting of and adjourning shortly afferm 1 o'olocek, afterwhich the Secretary refused to fornish the of the proceedings. We hope the Com-
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cluding the publio, and thereby afford all
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