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Washington-Androw Johnson
high roward of surpassing $M$ garvod for Mr. Johnson, in the extremely long
dooument published by him yesterday. The some of absurdity is achieved in that elfort.
Deuglas Jerrold or Tom Hood could not have oonceired a joke more supremely ridiculous.
Selwyn't beat thon mot pales before it, and the
ren repartee of Churohill becomes second-rate.
We could not, with all our knowledge of the
extrondinary construction of the Executive extraoninary constractio madness would thus
braio, antioippte that the
brank out in this fresh place, and the appearanco of the eight "Whereases" and the "Now,
therefore, I," only show us what extraordinary freaks
basanoed.
But looking at this manifesto in the light of
an oflicial document, we will try to find out what it means. To do this we will look at the
pramemes, for their objeot is to set forth the mody. Now the firrt preamble states that
mothe Prosident is Commander-in-ohief, and
"the eouted ," No clue there to what he is driving
at. The seoond states that "the Constitution
 of the Constitution courts," Our knowledge in early infancy
told us that. Then, "The officers of the army and navy are bound to obey their superior
offioers." Whioh we do not purpose to deny.
Thea follows an assertion that, "whenever, by reason of unlawful obstructions, combinations,
or ansembiblages of persons, or rebellion against beoome impracticable, in the judgment of the
President of the United States, to enforee by theo ordinary course of judicial proceedings the
laws of the United States within any State or Territory, the Exeoutive in that oase is anthoroution by the
naval fares.,
Bo far there
empty platitudes to which the proclamation
gives utterances are have been taken for granted by all sane men.
But the gist of the whole matter is contained But the gist of the who
in the naxt preamble, a
to look at it oarefally:-
 At irst blush, it naturally is asked at what
doesthis aim ? Is there a rebellion in South
or North Carolina? Is there such an nulawor North Carolina? Is there such an unlaw-
fol oombination of persons as to disturb the
oxeoution of the law? If not, at what is Mr. Johnson making his attack ? I cannot be that,
like Don Quixote, he is ckarging on a wind
mill. Yet there really seems nothing for him mill. Yet there really seems nothing for him
to proclaim against. In view, however, of the
compendious opinion of Binckley, and of the reoompendions opinion or Binckley, and of the re-
zaoral of General Sickles, we have to come to
the oonclusion that this pronuciamiento i aimed not at the enemles of the United States,
butat itsoflicers; notat"unlawfulassemblages," but at rogularly authorized and commissioned servants of the Government. That it is on
General Sifokles and his subordinates that the attaok is made.
Now, there are
arise in this
haro chey any anlawin obstruotions, combi-
nations, or assemblages of persons" in those States requiring the oalling forth of the "land
and naval forces 7 ". Is so, the "assemblages" muat consist of the "land and naval forces"
thomselves, and as they are called in to sup press themselves, we have the cheerful phe
nomenon similar to that of the ourious south Ses animul whic
swallow itself.
fal aasemblages," ${ }^{t}$ t
bellion,"" for these
is to oull on the "land and naval forcos." As
thare is no rebellion, it must be that the army will have the opportunity of proving, by con
quering itself, that it is greater than he who quaring itsel,
Now as it is against General Siakles and h
onloons that this extruordinary assault oliroorted, the question naturally arises, why, they have been guilty of the atrocious orime
stated, they are not court-martialled, aud pun ished acoording to all the laws of war, and no
in the unpreoedented fashion of adaressing th amy through the Seoretary of state and no the Soortary of Wart Why did we not have the subsiance of thisongh the "War Depart-
givon in an order thron
mont," as the law snd constom direet? We ompoot but think that General Grant, seelng
the ovil Hkoly to resalt, and knowiga that






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