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I. They are coming, Andy Johnson—a host of "Boys in Blue"— Fresh from a hundred fields of war, the battle-scarred and true;

II. They are coming, Andy Johnson—the loyal Boys in Blue, From Maine and from New Hampshire, and the Bay State, ever true;

III. They are coming, Andy Johnson—the loyal Boys in Blue, From New Jersey and from Delaware, and Maryland tried and true;

IV. They are coming, Andy Johnson—the earnest Boys in Blue, From shop and mill, and forge and field—the steadfast and the true;

V. They are coming, Andy Johnson—the veterans of the West, From their grand prairies and their lakes—the finest and the best;

VI. They are coming, Andy Johnson—the freemen of the land, To save the prize they won with blood from Treason's eager hand;

VII. By memory of Fort Donelson and Shiloh's bloody shore;

VIII. By memory of the loved and lost of many a Northern home;

IX. They are coming, Andy Johnson—a host of Boys in Blue, Fresh from a hundred fields of war, the battle-worn and true;

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ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL UNION COMMITTEE, To the American People.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: Very gravely differences have arisen between your immediate Representatives in Congress and the President who owes his position to your votes, and we are impelled to ask your attention to them, and so suggest the duties to your country which they render imperative.

We shall avoid the use of hard words. Of these, there have already been too many. And, that the matters in issue may be brought within the narrowest compass, let us first eliminate from the controversy all that has already been settled or has never been in dispute.

The Republic has been desperately assailed from within, and its very existence seriously imperiled. Thirteen States were claimed as having withdrawn from the Union, and were represented for years in a hostile Congress meeting at Richmond. Ten of these States were, for a time, wholly in the power of a hostile confederacy; the other three partially so. The undoubtedly loyal States were resolutely and cowardly invaded by Rebel armies, which were only expelled after obstinate and bloody battles, through four years of arduous, desperate civil strife, the hosts of the Rebel Confederacy withstood those of the Union. Agents of that Confederacy traversed the civilized world, seeking allies in their war against the Republic, and inciting the rapacious and unprincipled to fit out armed corsairs to prey upon her commerce. By State authority, and in the perverted names of patriotism and loyalty, hundreds of thousands of our countrymen were conscripted into Rebel armies, made to fight desperately for our national disruption and ruin. And though, by the blessing of God and the valor and constancy of our loyal people, the Rebellion was finally and utterly crushed, it did not succumb until it had caused the destruction of more than Half a Million of precious human lives, not to speak of property to the value of at least Five Billions of Dollars.

At length, the Rebel armies surrendered and the Rebel armies surrendered and the Rebel power utterly collapsed and vanished. What then? The claim of arguments that they either now reacquired or had never forfeited their constitutional rights in the Union, including that of representation in Congress, stands in pointed antagonism alike to the requirements of Congress and to those of the acting President. It was the Executive alone who, after the Rebellion was no more, appointed Provisional Governors for the now submissive, unarmed Southern States, on the assumption that the Rebellion had been "revolutionary," and had deprived the people under the sway of all civil government, and who required the assembling of "a Convention composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said States who are loyal to the United States, and no others, for the purpose of altering and amending the Constitution of said State."

It was President Johnson, so late as October last—when all shadow of overt resistance to the Union had long since disappeared—insisted that it was not enough that a State which had revolted must recognize her Ordinance of Secession as null and void from the beginning, and ratify the Constitutional Amendment prohibiting Slavery evermore but she must also recognize every dollar of indebtedness created to aid in carrying on the Rebellion. It was he who ordered the dispersion by military force of any legislative chosen under the Rebellion which should assume power to make laws after the rebellion had fallen. It was he who referred to Congress all inquirers as to the probability of Representatives from the States lately in revolt being admitted to seats in either House, and suggested that they should present their credentials, not at the organization of Congress, but afterward. And finally, it was he, and not Congress, who suggested to his Gov. Sharkey of Mississippi, that "if you could extend the elective franchise to all persons of color who can read the Constitution of the United States in English and write their names, and to all persons of color who own real estate valued at one hundred dollars, you would completely disarm the adversary, and set an example that other States will follow."

If, then, there be any controversy as to the right of the loyal States to exact conditions and require guarantees of those which plunge madly into Secession and Rebellion, the supporters respectively of Andrew Johnson and of Congress cannot be antagonistic parties to that contest, since their record places them on the same side. It being thus agreed that conditions of restoration and guarantees against future rebellion may be exacted of the States lately in revolt, the right of Congress to a voice in prescribing those conditions and in shaping those guarantees is plainly incontestible. Whether it take the shape of law or of a constitutional amendment, the action of Congress is vital. Even if they were to be settled by treaty, the ratification of the Senate, by a two-thirds vote, would be indispensable. There is nothing in the Federal Constitution, nor in the nature of the case, that countenances an Executive monopoly of this power.

What, then, is the ground of complaint against Congress? Is it charged that the action of the two Houses was tardy and hesitating? Consider how novel and extraordinary was the situation. Consider how utterly silent and blank is the Federal Constitution touching the treatment of insurgent States, whether during their flagrant hostility to the Union or after their disaffection. Consider with how many embarrassments and difficulties the problem is beset, and you will not wonder that months were required to devise, perfect, and pass, by a two-thirds vote in either House, a just and safe plan of reconstruction.

Yet that plan has been matured, it has passed the Senate by 33 to 11, and the House by 138 to 26. It is now fairly before the country, having already been ratified by the Legislatures of several States and rejected by none. Under it, the State of Tennessee has been formally restored to all the privileges she forfeited by Rebellion, including representation in either House of Congress. And the door thus passed through stands invitingly open to all who still linger without.

Are the conditions thus prescribed intolerable, or even humiliating? They are in substance these:

I. All persons born or naturalized in this country are henceforth citizens of the United States, and shall enjoy all the rights of citizens evermore; and no State shall have power to contravene the most righteous and necessary provision.

II. While the States claim and exercise the power of denying the elective franchise to a part of their people, the weight of each State in the Union shall be measured by and based upon its enfranchised population. If any State shall choose, for no crime, to deny political rights to any race or caste it must no longer count that race or caste as a basis of political power in the Union.

III. He who has once held office of the strength of his solemn oath to support the Federal Constitution, and has nevertheless forewarned himself and treasonably plotted to subvert that Constitution, shall henceforth hold no political office till Congress, by a two-thirds vote, shall remove or modify the disability.

IV. The National Debt shall be nowise repudiated nor invalidated; and no debt incurred in support of the Rebellion shall be assumed or paid by any State; nor shall payment be made for the loss or emancipation of any slave.

V. Congress shall have power to enforce these guarantees by appropriate legislation. Such, Fellow-Citizens, are the conditions of reconstruction proposed by Congress and already accepted by the loyal Legislature of Tennessee. Are they harsh or degrading? Do you discern therein a disposition to trample on the prostrate or push an advantage to the uttermost? Do they embody aught of vengeance, or any confiscation, or any arbitrary judgment?

What is intended by the third section is simply to give Loyalty a fair start in the reconstructed States. Under the Johnson policy, the Rebels monopolize power and place even in communities where they are decidedly outnumbered. Their Generals are Governors and Members elect of Congress; their Colonels and Majors fill the Legislatures, and officiate as Sheriffs. Not only are the steadfastly loyal proscribed, but even stay-at-home Rebels have little chance in competition with those who fought to subvert the Union. When this unequal monopoly of office shall have been broken up, and loyalty to the Union shall have become general and hearty, Congress may remove the disability, and will doubtless make haste to do so.

We do not perceive that the justice or fitness of the fourth section—prescribing that the Union Fourth Debt shall be promptly met, but that of the Rebel Confederacy never—is seriously contested. There remains, then, but the second section, which prescribes in substance that political power in the Union shall henceforth be based only on that portion of the people of each State who are deemed by its constitution fit depositories of such power. In other words: A State which chooses to hold part of its population in ignorance and vassalage—powerless, uneducated, unfranchised—shall not count that portion to balance the educated, intelligent, enfranchised citizens of other States.

We do not propose to argue the justice of this provision. As well argue the shape of a cube or the correctness of the Multiplication Table, if you do not feel that this is simply a fair and mild remedy for the national disaster which rose from the dead to convince him. That there are those among us who would not have it ratified, sadly demonstrates that the good work of Emancipation is not yet complete. "But," says some, "this section is designed to coerce the South into according Suffrage to her Blacks." Not so, we reply; but only to notify her ruling caste that we will no longer bribe them to keep their Blacks in serfdom. An aristocracy rarely surrenders its privileges, no matter how oppressive, from abstract devotion to justice and right. It must have cogent, palpable reasons for so doing. We say, therefore, to South Carolina, "If you persistently restrict all power to your 300,000 Whites, we must insist that these no longer balance, in Congress and the choice of President, 700,000 Northern White freemen, but only 300,000. If you keep your Blacks evermore in serfdom, it must not be because we tempted you so to do and rewarded you for so doing."

We cherish no shadow of doubt that Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa first, then New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota, will do likewise, and that a true restoration, a genuine, abiding Peace, will thus be secured to our country—a peace that will endure, because based on the everlasting foundations of Humanity, Justice and Freedom.

Yours, MARCUS L. WARD, New Jersey, Chairman. JOHN D. DEBBERS, Indiana, Secretary. HENRY GREENE, New York. S. A. BRIDGEMAN, Pennsylvania. WILLIAM CHARLES, Massachusetts. H. B. SMITH, Delaware. THOS. SIMPSON, North Carolina. H. H. STANWELL, Connecticut. R. B. COVEN, Ohio. JOHN R. CLARKE, N. Hampshire. SAMUEL F. HESSY, Maine. ABRAHAM B. GARDNER, Vermont. J. S. FOWLER, Tennessee. C. COOK, Illinois. MILES W. GIBSON, Michigan. D. P. STUBBS, Iowa. A. W. CAMPBELL, West Virginia. S. R. HENDON, Wisconsin. D. R. HOOPER, Maryland. S. H. BOND, Missouri. W. J. CONROY, Virginia. C. L. ROBERTS, Florida. NEWTON EDMISTON, Dakota.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Congressional Conference of the 13th District met at the Monticello House, Danvers, on Wednesday, the 12th of September, 1866. The Counties were represented as follows:

Bradford—H. Lawrence Scott, W. H. Carnahan, O. F. Young, C. F. Sayles, H. N. Williams, C. F. Nichols. Columbia—Dr. P. Pohn, Geo. H. Willis, D. A. Beckley, M. Whitmore. Montpelier—D. H. B. Brower, George B. Brown, Wesley Shannon. Wyanonah—J. E. Howe, W. H. Barnes. Sullivan—C. M. King, H. R. Dunham. On motion, H. Lawrence Scott, Esq., was called to the chair, and Dr. P. John and Dr. D. H. B. Brower were chosen Secretaries.

On motion of D. A. Beckley, the Conference proceeded to nominate a candidate for Congress, when the Hon. ULYSSES MERCUR was nominated by acclamation. On motion, Dr. P. John, H. N. Williams and W. H. Barnes were appointed a committee to draft resolutions. After retiring, the committee reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have unbounded confidence in the ability and integrity of Hon. ULYSSES MERCUR, and that we fully and cordially endorse, and that we pledge him the support of the loyal Union loving electors of this District. Resolved, That we enter into the coming canvass with a firm conviction that the Right will triumph; that the friends of the Union will rally around our candidate because he stood firm and true in defense of the great principles for the triumph of which he has sacrificed so much of treasure and of blood.

Resolved, That we accept the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States as our National platform; and that we endorse the resolution adopted by the Union Republican State Convention at Harrisburg on the 7th of March last, pledging all honorable efforts for the election of Gen. JONAS W. GRAY to the gubernatorial chair of Pennsylvania. On motion, Dr. D. H. B. Brower and Capt. M. Whitmore were appointed a Committee to inform Hon. ULYSSES MERCUR of his nomination. On motion of H. R. Dunham it was decided to hold the next Congressional Conference at Towanda on the Wednesday afternoon the 1st of Monday in September in 1866. On motion adjourned.

PALEMON JOHN, D. H. B. BROWER. HESTER CLYMER.—We want to do Mr. Clymer the justice to say that he entered the campaign for Governor with all the ardor of a man deeply imbued with the sanguine feelings of success. He was claimed by the Democracy as "the gayest" standard-bearer that ever took up their flag to carry it in the van of a fight. But long before that fight is over Mr. Clymer has become dismayed, disheartened, and unable to give up his dear seat. To-day HESTER CLYMER IS THE SABBEST MAN IN PENNSYLVANIA! He has met the people, and now confesses that he is a whipped man. He gives up the election by default. He has confessed to his friends that he will receive the smallest vote ever polled for any candidate for Governor. He advises all his personal acquaintances to make no bets on the general result, as in doing so they might as well make the stakes a present to Republicans. 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