RECONSTRUCTION.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Report of General Grant.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

Washington, Dec 19.—To the Senate of the United States.—In reply to the resolution adopted by the senate on the 12th, I have the honor to state that the rebellion wagsed by a portion of the people against the properly constituted authorities of the Government of the United States has been suppressed, that the United States are in possession of every State in which the insursection existed, and that, as far as could be done, the Courts of the United States have been restored, post offices re-established and steps taxen to put into effective operation the revenue laws of the country.

As the result of the measures instituted by the Executive with the view of inducing a resumption of the functions of the State, comprehended in the inquiry of the Senate, the people in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama. Insissippi, Louisnana, Arkansas and Tennessee have reurganized their respective State Governments, and are yielding obedience to the laws and Government of the United States with more willingness and greater promptitude than under the circumstances could reasonably have been anticipated. The proposed amendment to the Constitution, roviding for the aboil ion of slavery forever within the limits of the country, has been ratified by each one of those States, with the exception of Mississippi, from which no efficial information has been received, and in nearly all of them measures have been adopted or are now pending to confer upon freedmen the privileges which are essential to their comfort, protection and security.

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In Fiorida and Texas the people are making commendable progress in restoring their Stae Governments and no doubt is entertained that they will, at an early period, be in a condition to resume all of their practical relations with the Federal Government. In that portion of the Union lately in rebellion the aspect of affairs is more promising than in view of all the circumstances could well have been expected. The people throughout the entire touth evince an audible desire to renew their allegiance to the Government, and to repair the devastations of war by a prompt and to repair the devastations of war by a prompt and cheerial return to peaceful pursuits. An abiding faith, is entertained that their actions will conform to their professions, and that in acknowledging the subremacy of the Constitution and the laws of the United States their loyalty will be unreservedly given by the Government whose leniency they cannot fail to appreciate, and whose fostering care will soon restore them to a condition of prosperity. It is true that in some of the States the demoralizing effects of the war are to be seen in cocassional disorders; but these are local in character, not frequent in occurrence, and are rapidly disappearing as the authority of civil government is extended and sustained.

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E. Perpiezuing questions were naturally to be expected from the great and sudden change in the relations between the two races, but systems are gradually developing themselves under which the freedman will receive the protection to which he is justly entitled, and by means of his labor make himself a useful and independent member of the community in which he has his home.

From all the information in my possession, and from that which I have recently derived from the most reliable authority. I am induced to cherish the belief that sectional animosity is surely and rapidly merging itself into a spirit of nationality, and that representation, connected with a properly adjusted system of taxation, will result in a harmonious restoration of the relations of the Estates to the National Union.

The report of Carl Schurzis herewith transmitted, as requested by the Senate. No reports from the Hon. John Covode have been received by the President.

The attention of the Senate is invited to the accompanying report of Lie utenant-General Grant, who recently made a tour of inspection through several of the clates whose inhabitants participated in the rebellion.

[Signed]

ANDREW JOHNSON.

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WASHINGTON, December 18, 1865. [Signed]
WASHINGTON, December 18, 1852.

Report of Lieutenant-General Grant.

Headquarters armies of the United States.
Washington, December 18, 1855.
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His Excellency,
Andrew Johnson President of the United States Six.
In reply to your note of the both instant, requesting a
report from me, giving such information as I may be
possessed of coa. Ing within the scope or the inquiries
made by the senate of the United States in their resointion of the 12th inst. I have the honor to submit the
following, with your approval, and also that of the
Hon. Secretary of War:

I left Washington City on the 27th of last month for
the purpose of making a tour of inspection through
some of the Southerin States, or States lately in reellion, and to see what changes were necessary to be
made in the disposition of the military forces of the
country; how these forces could be reduced and expenses curtailed, &c., and to learn as far as possible
the feelings and Intentions of the citizens of those
states toward the teneral Government.

The state of Virginia being so accessible to Washington City, and information from this quarter, therefore I cling readily obtained, I hastened through the
State, without conversing or meeting with any of its
stitzens. In Raleigh, N. C., I spent one day, in Carlston, S. C., two days, Savannah and Jaugusta. Georgia,
each one day. Both in traveling and scopping, I saw
much, and conversed freely with the citizens of those
States as well as with officers of the army who have
been stationed among them.

The following are the conclusions-come to by me—I
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Four years of war, during which the law was executed only at the point of the bayonet throughout the States in rebellion, have left the people possibly in a condition not to yield that ready obecience to civil authority the American people have generally been in the habit of yielding. This would render the presence of small garrisons throughout those States necessary until smen time as labor returns to its proper channel and civil authority is fully established. I did not meet any one, either those holding places under the Government, or clitizens of the Southern States, who think it practicable to withdraw the military from the South at present. The white and the black mutually require the protection of the General Government. There is such universal acquiescence in the authority of the General Government throughout the portion of the Genera military force, without regard to numbers, is sufficient to maintain order.

The good of the country and economy require the force kept in the interior, where there are many freedmen. Elsewhere in the Southern States than at forts upon the sea coast no force is necessary. They should all be white troops. The reasons for this are obvious, without mentioning many of them. The presence of black-troops, lately staves, demortalizes labor, both by their advice and by furnishing in their camps a resort for the freedmen for long distances around. White troops generally excite to exposition, and therefore a small number of them can maintain order in agiven district. Colored troops must be kept in bodies sufficient to defend themselves. It is not the thinking portion who would use violence towards any class of troops sent among them by the General Government, but the ign rant in some places might, and the late slave scan cit he improved mit the ledge that the property of his late master should by right belong to him: at least should have no protection from the colored soldier. There is danger of collision being brought on you such cames.

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My observations lead me to the conclusion that the citizens of the Solthern States are auxious to return to self-government, within the Union as soon as possible. That whilst reconstructing they want and required they then the Government that they think is required by the Government, not humiliating to them as citizens, and that if such a course was pointed out they would pursue it in good faith. It is to be regretted that there cannot be 2 greater commingling at this time between the citizens of the two sections, and particularly of those intrusted with the law-making power.

I did not give the operations of the Freedmen's Bureau that attention I would havedone if more time had been at my disposal. Conversations on the subject however, with officers connected with the bureau, led me to think that in some of the States its affairs have not been conducted with good judgment or economy, and that the belief widely spread among the freedmen of the Southetn States, that the lands of their former owner will, at least in part, be divided among them, has come from the agents of their former owner will, at least in part, be divided among them, has come from the agents of their former owner will, at least in part, be divided among them, has come from the agents of the former to make contracts for the coming year.

In some form the Freedmen's Bureau is an absolute necessity until civil law is established and enforced, securing to the freedmen their rights and full protection. At present, however, it is independent of the military establishment of the country, and send the present, however, it is independent of the military establishment of the country, and send to the present, however, it is independent of the military establishment of the country, and send the freedmen has to the freedmen has the freedmen has the freedmen has to the reedmen has the free

In some instances, I am sorry to say, the freadmen's mind does not seem to be disabused of the idea that the freedmen has the right to live without care or provision for the future. The effect of the belief in the division for hands is idieness and accummulation in camps, lowns and cities. In such cases I think it will be found that vice and disease will tend to the extermination or great reduction of the colored race. It cannot be expected that the opinions held by men at the South for fears can be changed in a day, and therefore the freedmen require for a few years not only laws to protect them, but the fostering care of those who will give them good counsel, and on whom they rey. The Freedmen's Bureau being separated from the amilitary establishment of the country, requires all the expenses of a separate organization. One does not necessarily know what the other is dolag, or what order they are acting under.

It seems to me this could be corrected by regarding every officer on duty with troops in the Southern States as agent of the Freedmen's Bureau and then bave all orders from the head of the Bureau sent through department commanters. This would create a responsibility that would secure uniformity of action throughout the South, would insure the orders a dinstructions from the head of the Bureau sent through department commanters. The would create a responsibility that would secure uniformity of action throughout the South, would insure the orders a dinstructions from the head of the Bureau being carried such, and would relieve from duty and pay a farge number of emplayes of the Government. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

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