

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

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On the contrary, the President has recognized it validly and acted upon it in every department of the Government, save in the War Department, and there except in some of the most important cases...

Had the Senate received such a message, the representatives of the people would have been authorized to impeach the President for such an act...

Whatsoever may be the decision of the legal question involved in the case before the President, it is the duty of the President to obey the law...

A law is a rule of conduct which is binding on all the citizens of the State, and it is the duty of the President to enforce it...

It would not be in the least surprising if the President had done as he did in this case, and that he had done so in other cases...

The President, on the morning of the 23d, as early as he could, issued his order, and that order was the basis of all the subsequent proceedings...

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