

for Andrew Johnson. [Laughter.] It is perhaps the best answer, though I should hardly have ventured to have used such harsh language in reference to the President of the United States...

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That any person who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation or custom, shall subject, or cause to be subjected, any inhabitant of any State or Territory to the deprivation of any right, secured or protected by this act, or to different punishment, pains or penalties, on account of such person having at any time been held in a condition of slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, or by reason of his color or race, than is prescribed for the punishment of white persons, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

under no consideration, sought a controversy with the President. So far from it, the bill was proposed with a view to carry out what was proposed to be the views of the President and was submitted to him before its introduction into the Senate. I am not about to relate private declarations of the President, but it is right that the American people should know that the controversy which exists between him and Congress in reference to this measure is of his own seeking...

of the States and making strides toward centralization? Is it Congress, by the passing of this bill or the President who without law is arrogating to himself far greater powers than any conferred by this bill? Let it not be said that the President exercises these vast powers by virtue of the war power. He told us in his Annual Message that the war was over, and whether over or not, no incidental powers are vested by the Constitution in the President either as President or Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

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