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WHAT MORE POWER IS A PRES-IDENT TO HAVE?

This is a question asked not from the Constitution or acts of Congress where the duties and powers are laid down, but from a point of action or liberty taken by some of our late presidents and more especially to Mr. Tatt. Even Roosevelt with all of his bossism and wielding of his big stick, we do not recall a time wherein he has taken personal interference in State matters, and especially in the open. But here comes Mr. Taft, according to accounts published in the leading daily papers, making open personal interference in the election to be held in Maryland in a short while on the distranchisement of the negro, by writing letters to the republican leaders of that State demanding that they defeat the measure and also writing a letter to the Baltimore News denouncing the amendment as a disgrace to civilization and is a "gross injustice and is a violation of the spirit of the Fifteenth Amendment."

In order that our Southern people might further understand the situation the Maryland people are suffering practically the same trouble that North Carolina was prior to 1900 and the Suffrage Amendment is practically the same as ours and all the rest of the Southern States and now they are trying to protect themselves and good government by getting rid of the common negro voters whose only consideration during election times is to get the most possible for his vote. We have had

step down out of his high office, and interfere with the rights and workings of a sovereign State seems to us as very much over riding his authority and the dignity of the office that he holds.

If the Presidents in the future take on more liberty and power at the same rate of those in the past, in a few years there will be no telling what they will be doing. In our opinion it is a direct blow at the ability of the voters of Maryland to handle their

This action should be a warning to all of our people, who are lovers of good government, as it truly sets forth the plans and actions of the leaders of the republican party, when they find the least possible hope of destroying the amendment in North Carolina. They will again be ready to sacrifice anything in order to obtain victory and will not hesitate, if there is a shadow of a hope for gain, to again place the negro in responsible offices where the white people will be subject to their will or action.

Then, and not until then will you fully realize the benefit of our plan to faltering youths who think there of government in its full sense. This is a question worthy of the most sincere and careful thought and it would be well for every voter in coln and of John Johnson. The North Carolina to consider it well that he may not get himself entangled that he cannot give good hearty support to the men who will live and die by our present good government.

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JOHN A. JOHNSON

The country can ill afford to lose such men as John A. Johnson, gov ernor of Minnesota. He was of the type which rises superier to privations and handicaps, commanding success through sheer force of manhood. He had every excuse for becoming a tailure in life. Poverty, obscurity, lack of opportunity, ignorance and other obstacles confronted him. If he had consciously sought to overcome them, the prospect would have appalled him. But he did what other great natures have always done. He performed the duty that lay nearest at hand, whether it was doing chores to assist his mother while she took in washing, or whether it was facing great political questi ons after he had become a national figure.

Gov. Johnson's premature death cuts short a career that might have been a most conspicuous example of what mere character and manhood can do in the United States. some respects his life resembled Lincoln's and if he had lived the paralell might have been still striking. His life is a stern rebuke is no opportunity in this country No young man need despair, however hard his lot. Let him read the story of the lives of Abraham Linlatter has just passed away and the so conditions which surrounded him still exist. If he could rise, others can rise. But they cannot rise unless they are made of the stuff of which John Johnson and all other real men are made.

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