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The Admission of Tennessee—Minority Report.

In the House of Representatives, on Monday, after the joint resolution admitting Tennessee upon certain conditions, had been submitted by the majority of the Reconstruction Committee, Mr. Rogers, of New Jersey, arose and submitted the following minority report:

To the House of Representatives: The subscriber begs leave to submit to the House a minority report against the joint resolution reported from the Committee on Reconstruction, to admit the State of Tennessee into the Union on an equal footing with the other States, and to show to the House the following reasons:

First. That Tennessee is now and has been at all times since her admission into the Union, one of the United States of America, and consequently Congress admitting her into and authorizing her to exercise the functions of a State within this Union, must be based upon the idea that she has been during the war, and is now legally out of the Union or at least is for all practical purposes.

Second. No State can, by any act of its people, be withdrawn from the Union without the consent of every other State.

Third. The people of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of an ordinance of secession, claimed the right to withdraw from the Union, and to enforce her pretended right, placed a portion of her people in a state of insurrection and rebellion against the United States; while the Government of the United States denied the right of the people of Tennessee to withdraw the State from the Union; and to settle the question, a portion of the people of Tennessee, with the aid of the so-called Confederate Government, engaged with the United States in a conflict of arms. That conflict decided that the claim of the people of Tennessee had no foundation in law, or in fact, and the attempted withdrawal of the State was by the Federal Government, prevented and consequently the destruction of the constitutional relations of Tennessee within the Union was prevented and the State kept in the Union.

Fourth. There is no such thing as a State being in the Union, and possessing the right of local and domestic legislation, without the absolute right to demand representation in Congress, because the Constitution is based upon the equality of the States.

Fifth. This joint resolution does not admit the members from Tennessee to take their seats in this body, upon their qualifying by oath according to law.

Sixth. There is no question in the minds of the Committee as to the loyalty of the members clear from Tennessee, and therefore upon the fact that the State of Tennessee is now one of the United States of America, within the Union, the Representatives ought to have the oath of office administered to them at once, by the Speaker, and they be admitted members of this House. And, therefore, we recommend as a substitute for the said joint resolution, and preamble, that the House at once adopt the following resolution, or one of the like character, to wit:

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, that the representatives elect to Congress from the State of Tennessee be, and they are hereby admitted to take their seats in the House as members thereof, upon their taking the oath prescribed by law.

A. J. ROGERS.

Representative Grider concurred in the minority report.

(Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.)

The Committee Report on Tennessee—Its Surprising Character and Certainty of its Being Maintained.

WASHINGTON, March 7.

Though prepared for some report from the Committee on Reconstruction of a very radical character, the public could hardly believe that the committee would undertake to place Tennessee and all the other so-called "seceded States" out of the Union. The majority report will undoubtedly be maintained. The joint resolution which requires that Tennessee should acknowledge herself out of the Union, and to be a suitor for re-admission upon the terms which Congress imposes, will command, no doubt, a two-thirds vote in both Houses of Congress. Tennessee may assent to it and ratify it. No representative will Tennessee have till she ratifies that decree. The President will have to act on this joint resolution, just as certainly as he had to act upon the bill admitting Texas. His veto will amount to nothing. The committee have counted upon the two Houses upon the measure.

Many of the Republican members are very desirous of bringing the session to an early close after admitting Tennessee, and perhaps Arkansas, and passing the appropriation bills. Others say that the country will not assent to an abandonment of the capital by Congress while the Union remains in its present agitated and critical situation.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the papers relative to the organization of Provisional Governments for the late rebellious States and the correspondence with the Governors. The correspondence is exceedingly voluminous, and though much of it has already been published, there is yet much of great interest.

The Joint Resolution for the Admission of Tennessee.

(From the National Intelligencer.)

The people have not risen too soon. Let them understand that a desperate combination of powerful partisans, who, with extraordinary audacity, dominate over a majority of both Houses of Congress, and against whose machinations for the overthrow of civil liberty we have so earnestly warned the sovereign people, have at length, with the heedless desperation of discomfiting tyranny, framed an open program for the formal dismemberment of the Union.

The report of the majority of the Joint Committee of Reconstruction, concludes with a joint resolution, in which the people of a State of the Union are declared "to be in a condition to exercise the functions of a State within this Union" and are yet by the self same resolution excluded from that Union!

This resolution has not yet been acted on by either House. It is to be called up "at an early day," as it is to pass both Houses! This question appears to us to be fraught with consequences as momentous as have ever beset the American people. If it passes, probably it will be seen for those who support it well known with what indignant disapprobation all Union men in the country would rebuke it after full consideration.

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"I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT."—Henry Clay.

A Highly Important Rumor—Southern Senators Summoned to Washington.

"Iota," the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, under date of the 6th instant, says:

A highly important rumor has just reached me from a source entitled to consideration, to the effect that the President has summoned to this city the Senators elect from all the roganized Southern States lately in revolt. The report may be premature. But several of these Senators are now here, and have been requested by the President to remain. That he may have occasion to confer with all of them, after the events of yesterday, is not improbable.

The majority of the Committee on Reconstruction have come to the conclusion, in effect, that no one of the eleven lately rebellious States shall be represented in this Congress. This is in conformity with the assertions of the most trusted leaders of the Congressional majority.

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