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A SIGNIFICANT DECISION.

We give in the editorial columns of this paper, some weeks ago, a synopsis of a case involving the status of Confederate privateers, in which many questions of interest, connected with the constitutionality of the Reconstruction acts, seemed involved. It was the case of *Maury vs. the Alliance Insurance Company of Boston*, the plaintiff having sued to recover of the company the value of a ship which was captured by a Confederate vessel in 1852, and taken into the port of New Orleans for condemnation as a prize by the Admiralty Court. The vessel was insured against capture, seizure, or detention, and the defense was that piracy was not capture, seizure or detention, but the law of insurance, and the capture was by rebels, not by the Confederate States. The case was ultimately argued before the Supreme Court, and that tribunal decided, on Monday, "first, that the policy of insurance covered seizure of any kind, and that the companies are therefore liable. Second, that capture by rebel privateers was capture by the legalized forces of a *de facto* government, and was not, therefore, piracy. The rebel government was a power which usurped all authority in the States, and its acts were supreme, and seizure made under and by virtue of such authority was a seizure within the laws of insurance." Mr. Justice Nelson delivered the opinion of the court.

But the Court did more than this, and travelled out of the record to declare that "the States *lately* the rebellion did not, therefore, have their status as members of the Union." The *Chronicle*, noting the tremendous significance of this declaration, hastens to pronounce it "clearly *obiter dictum*." But, granting that it is so in the case before the Court, it reveals the opinion of the Justices with reference to the constitutionality of the Reconstruction acts, upon which they shall pass in a few days. And it seems that what Mr. Justice Nelson's *obiter dictum*, was, was that the Court is divided, and that the majority is in favor of the Reconstruction acts, and that the minority is in favor of the rebels. The Court is divided, and that the majority is in favor of the Reconstruction acts, and that the minority is in favor of the rebels.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL DO.

The Washington Star gives the following as the line of policy which the President will pursue: First, On next Friday his counsel will appear in court ready to proceed with the trial, and will not ask for an extension of time. They will then object to every Republican Senator who has expressed an opinion in support of Johnson's guilt or innocence. The articles of impeachment being allowed to act as jurors in the case. This point they, of course, do not expect to carry, but have it overruled. Second, The question as to whether Senators from twenty-seven States, constitute the Congress of the United States will be raised. They will then present the same view of this matter that the President has in all his public speeches and State papers maintained, that until ten Southern States have their representatives in the House and Senate of the United States, that the latter body is not competent to take up, try, and pass judgment on so vital and important a question as the impeachment of an officer known to the Government. Failing on both these questions, the President will then firmly refuse to proceed with his trial, asserting that in such a court justice cannot be done, and then will give and tender his resignation, and appeal directly to the people to sustain him and to pass judgment on the Lincoln box against the acts of the United States.

A great many rumors are afloat to day to the effect that the President intends to resort to bold means during the next few days to obtain possession of the War Office, but they are regarded as rumors.

THE O.P. ISSUE FREE NEGROES.—It will relieve those white Radicals who are so anxious to see negroes in Congress, to learn that the Constitution does not require the highest of citizenship, that there were such people as "free negroes" all through the South long before the Lincoln proclamation. We can find a plenty of "citizens" of the right color who have been such only "seven" or "nine" years, but seven times seven or even nine times nine years. Chairman Kent says: "If a black man here in the United States becomes free, he becomes there forward a citizen." We call the attention of the New York Tribune and Alexandria State Journal to this relief from their perplexity. The real issue is the thing they want.—*Rich. Whip.*

ALABAMA.—We were due, we were yesterday, in guessing that the Radicals of Congress desire to admit Alabama into the Union in time to give her bogus senators votes on the impeachment trial. "Data" writes to the Baltimore Sun as follows: "If Radical managers of the project shall succeed in their purpose, the Alabama senators will be admitted to seats in the Senate before the testimony of regular hearing in the impeachment committee. Such, I am informed by some of the managers themselves, is the plan."—*Richmond Dispatch.*

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