Amanda will write soon

written to you, but has promised to write soon. he sends his kind regards. I received a letter from Mary Headen yesterday. school is out, in St Lizzie Widney stood the highest - both in the institute and College her standing was 9 6/10. Jennie Blain was next 9 3/10. Mary was 8 8/10 Amanda 6 9/10. Teresa Clarke was the lowest, 5 5/10. Sometimes I wish I was back at the old institute but I know the schools here, are very much better. Jim has not written yet, but says he will this afternoon. Pa has not returned from Mexico yet. Ma says to give you her love and say she will write soon. I have had three letters from you within the last two weeks and I wish you would continue to write as often, I write every week, & sometimes twice a week. Give my kind regards to Dick and John, and remember me as ever your loveing Sister.

Annie G Doane,

I am going to make New Years calls this time.

San Francisco Dec 25/64.

My Dear Brother.

I received your letter of Nov 11th and though it was short, I need not say I was glad to hear from you. To day it is raining quite hard, and has been since the 23rd of November Cheny this is Christmast, and I have been thinking of three years ago to day, do you rember it? many are the changes that have taken place since that day. little did I think we would be liveing in San Francisco now, and still less, did think you would be in Vicksburg, but I only hope next Christmast you will be here with us. I suppose you would like to know what we got for presents. I got a beautiful Cloak and hat, Jim gave Mother a nice dress. I gave Geo a splendid napkin ring.

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and he gave Charlie one, and O how I wish I could send something nice to you, but I can not send much in a letter, and I am affraid the letter might not reach you, but however, perhaps I will try it.

There was quite an excitement here last evening. There were boys carrying papers about, crying Richmond & Savannah were taken by Sherman and Grant. they sold hundreds of them, at two bits a piece, and every person was glad to grab them at that price. come to find out the truth, some of the workmen of the printing offices, had started it, in order to make a raise for Christmast, several of the carriers were arrested, and so it ended.

Yesterday when I was out, who should I meet out Eva Fish, and Lizzie Tansey, I did not, have my wits about me, or I would have asked her if she was married but if she is, she did not dress much like a bride! but I have no doubt she is. Mr & Mrs James Madison Braley, have been down buying Christmast presents, Jim said they had a small car load. perhaps like Mrs Ferguson, going to have a baby, by and by, they are liveing with the old folks, I think I told you in my last that I had received a letter from Mrs Reed., Cheny I was quite surprised to hear that you had no young correspondence, except myself and Charlie Ellet poor boy, he thought he had received a letter from you just before he died, and asked Wheaton several times to read it to him, Horrace has not had a letter from you and says that is the reason he has not

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widower). Will Cheny I believe there is nothing more of importance this time. I have not seen Horace Wheaton for some weeks, (but he inquires when the house will be done quite often.) I guess he feels pretty good lately. This Grand-father died a short time since leaveing him quite a number of acres of land in Pennsylvania, on which there are two or three Oil wells, and it makes him feel pretty good.

Mother says to give you her love, and tell you not to forget her, she would write oftener, but I write most every other day, ~~but~~ Cheny I hope you will write oftener to Ma than you have here lately. all send their love. Have you received Amanda's letter yet.? Write soon, sooner, soonest and give my regards to John and Dick. remember me as

Your loveing sister,

Annie Doane.

1865

San Francisco Apr 8th.

My dear Brother.

We have just received the news of the fall of Richmond and Petersburg. O, ain't it glorious! I hope you will have no reason now, to join the army again, every person here thinks the war is almost ended, what do you think? the sesesh have only three strong cities left, poor wretches. I think it is most time for them to be discouraged But what have you been doing all this time? it has been over a month since last we heard from you, I have written twice, ~~since then~~. Cheny I suppose you will have seen Mrs Ellet before this reaches you, she sailed on the twenty-third of March; I went to see her a week or so before she went, and promised to go again before she left, but circumstances prevented, so I

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did not see her again, when next you write, please give me Mrs Ellets address, as you will probably see her soon after her arrival in New York. she promised to send me a large picture of John, like yours, I saw a picture of John that was taken is St Louis, and I could not believe it was him, he looked so fleshy, and large, that it did not look natural to me, Cheny do you know whether Dick got that letter I wrote him, or not?

Next friday we have an entertainment at our school, expect to have some grand speeches, and compositions &c. I have to read, (much to my horror) the Rose Lawn School. I think you have seen it, in Peterson's magazine of May 1863, I have not practiced it any yet, so if my letter is shorter than usual, you may guess the reason, why, I don't much like the reading of compositions, select pieces, and the like, though I am invariably on the reading list, but I guess I can get through, after a fassion.

Next month we expect to move into our new house, it is all finished except the last coat of plastering, I will be glad to have a house here, of our own.

I have just received two letters from Santa Clara. Tottie Ware says, times are quite lively there now, there has been quite an excitement here lately, getting money for the Christian Commission, so far it has succeded quite well. Last thursday evening Pa and I went to a grand mass meeting in Platts Hall, the speakers were Mayor Coon, Frank Picksley, Barnes, Rev Liford, & Rev M.C. Briggs. it was very interesting, as you may guess.

I suppose you have heard of the death of my dear friend Miss Smith, she had been married about six weeks. I heard this evening that Mrs Arnold (Mattie Buddington) was dead; poor Arnold, so soon left a

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San Francisco June 15th 1865.

My dears dear Brothers.

This is one of the most beautiful Sunday mornings, I ever saw. the streets are full of peoples going to church. but I have stayed at home to write to you. since the rain storm has ceased, we have had the most beautiful weather. I wonder if it is so where you are? Friday two of the girls from my school started for Baltimore, O Cheny how I should have liked to have gone with them! it has been a dreadful long time since I saw you. but I must not think of this. I am going to school as usual. but Cheny sometimes I get tired, and would like to go away off somewhere, (to Vicksburg) and never come back. We are expecting Pa back from Mexico to day. I hope he will come. he has been gone six weeks that is a long time for him.

Our school commenced last monday. with 550 pupils. is that not a good beginning. I have not heard from Santa Clara since their school commenced. but I think from all accounts it is rather small.

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Van Eaton was down not long since, he was at the house four or five hours, and while he was here, he told me not less than a dozen times, that he was a senior this year. people say, they are going to let him graduate, to get rid of him. but to my surprise, I have just heard that he has gone to Washoe, to make his fortune (perhaps.) Lizzie Widoney would have been a graduate this session but she has stoped school. Mary Headen has stoped, Mattie Deal, Jennie Blain, and many others have stoped school. I think Jim told you in his letter that Ohle Pomeroy was married to Jennie Aram a short time since by Rev E G Bannister DD. Cheny what do you suppose has possessed the Santa Clara people? sometimes I think it a pity that I left there. Ma says to tell you to be a good boy. she says that I write so often that she has taken it for an excuse for her not writing. but Cheny she will write soon, it is very dull here now, and as much as we all would like to see you, I could not advise you to come back to make it your home you remember how it was when you left? it is ten times worse now. there is twenty aplicants.

for every vacancy. but Cheny if you could come home to see us. I hope you will. Saturday I was down to Mrs Pierces. Sarah & Dicty have moved across the bay Mrs P has her house furnished beautifuly. and lives in splendid style. New Years day she had 60 callers. Pierce sells a great deal. and told Pa he had made over $90.000. premiums on his gold. Mrs P's sister has just come out from New York. (Josephines Mother) she is quite an intelligent lady. is not as good looking as Mrs P. but much more refined. she is in mourning for her husband I think she is going to sew for Mrs P store.

When Amanda Johnson was here she wrote a letter to you. but I am not quite sure she sent it. if she did, you will see the most ridiculous excuse for a letter. that you ever saw in your life. Mother is reading. and I cannot write any more. to day. Cheny you must write often, and I will do the same. All send their love. I have not seen Wheaton, or any of the boys or girls since last I wrote.

Ever your loving sister.

Annie Doane.

good bye my dear dear boy.

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These letters
were written some
time ago. but
I thought there
might be some
thing in them
that would interest
you

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In the midst of his useful career;
The head of a Nation, our Government's pride;
Whose blood only adds to the baptismal tide
Which has flowed in the cause we hold dear.

Cheny I am glad to hear you are enjoying yourself so much, but in the midst of your pleasure, remember the loveing ones at home.

We miss thee at home, yes we miss thee,
Since the hour we bade thee adieu,
And prayers have encircled thy pathway
From anxious hearts loving, and true;
That the Savior would guide and protect thee
As far from the loved ones you roam,
And whisper, when e'er thou wert saddened
They miss thee, all miss thee at home.

Tillie Lynch wants one of your pictures very much, if you are ~~willing I~~ will give her one. Write soon, and dont write such a short letter, especialy to ma, she feels that you are neglecting her, by not writing oftener, to her, she would write oftener to you, if I did not write every week. George has written twice to you without receiving an answer, excuse the writing of this, as my hand trembled very much, give my love to Dick, and John especialy, In your next, tell me more about yourself.

Over your loving sister Annie

1865

San Francisco Apr 8

My Dear Dear Brother.

We have just received your letters, with the pictures, how different you look, from what you did when you went away. I realy think a soldiers life must agree with you. I wont say any more, for fear it makes you proud.

But O. Cheny! while we were yet rejoicing over the fall of the rebel Capitol and the successes of our Glorious Sherman, and Sheridan, what, an awful calamity has befallen us. Owho would have thought that just in the hour of our triumph, the President, our glorious leader, would be killed by the beastly hand of an accursed traitor. Where is the torture that is bad enough for him, and his sympathisers? O may

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their doom be the blackness and darkness of hell, there to be tortured forever and forever. Dear you will think this awful talk for a girl, but I can't help it.

When the people heard it here, they were struck dumb with horror, men and women were crying in the street like children, even Capt Jackson was crying in the street like a child. the stores were closed, and the city draped in mourning from one end to the other. the bells were tolled all day yesterday. The people are almost crazy with excitement. you remember those secesh papers I sent you? Last night the union men formed a mob, and went around to the offices (of all the rebel papers in town) and threw their presses out into the street, destroying six. they intended to hang old Beriah Brown, if they could get him, but he is not in town just at present. The Militia were ordered out, to keep down the mob. Genl. McDowell ordered the Police to arrest any person who expressed the least signes of pleasure at the death of the president. There was a man taken up this morning, by the name of John Donivan. I'm thinks it is your old school friend. The city is in a great state of excitement this evening, but not so much so as yesterday.

Heart of the Nation be calm in thy grief!
Burst not, with the weight of thy woe!
Though the red hand of murder hath
slaughtered thy chief!
And the crime shows a malice to stagger belief
Our Cause goes not down with the blow.

A meed for the honored of men, who has died)

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use to, what is the reason? Purite to you every saturday, and I think you should write oftener.

Have you ever got Amanda Johnson's letter? I am as ever, dear Cheny,

Your loveing Sister,

Annie.

Mother and all, join me in sending you our love, good bye dear, dear Brother.

We loved him in Life;
We mourn him in Death.

San Francisco Apr 2 [illegible]

My dear Brother.

It is again saturday evening, and I am seated as I generaly am saturday evening to write to you. George Norwood is here, and we have been talking about you, most all day. He has been telling me some great stories about you, one is about the way you and he bothered poor Kam Kinkaid. O you wicked boy. He was telling mother that Mrs Norwood had got her a set of false teeth, and when she was eating beeakfast one morning, she gave a great sneeze, and her teeth flew out, and across the table into ~~[illegible]~~ his applesause. he put his hand into his mouth to see if his were safe. &c. He is the same silly fellow he use to be, wild as ever.

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Received a letter from Henry Braden to day. he says everything is very dull in Santa Clara. The sunday school is going out to Burnetts ranch May-day. I wish I was going too. this will be the first May-day for seven years that I have missed going to a picnic. and the first I have spent away from Santa Clara.

I suppose you are in Galesburg having a nice time. well I hope you are. enjoy yourself while you can. that is my motto. please give our love to Mr Richards and family.

Do you know whether John Ellet was in New York or not, when the old folks arrived there? Mrs Ellet said they expected he would be there to meet them. you spoke of his going to Vicksburg. and I thought perhaps he did not see his father. have you received my picture yet from Mrs Ellet? if so, I guess you will think I have changed some since last you saw me. but that picture is perfect. as life.

Lillie Lynch is in town. I had to give her one of your pictures. but I did not do it willingly. I am dreadful stingy of them. I wish you had not kept your cap on, when they were taken. George Norwood says it don't rest on more than three hairs.

Since last I wrote. I have heard very little news of any kind. so as a matter my letter will not be very long. Johnny says, tell Henry I want him to come home. and we all join him in the wish. Henry do come home. and see us. if it is only for a little while. come.

We are all well. except George. he has had quite a severe bilious attack. but is getting better.

Be sure and write soon. you do not write nearly so often as you

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I would write more if it was not for examinations tomorrow, so for I have stood, from 86 to 92 per cent; and I want to end up as well.

Good Night.

Dear Dear Brother.

All send their love.

We loved him in Life;
We mourn him in Death.

San Francisco

May 25th 1864

Dear Dear Brother.

We have just finished reading your letter of Apr 23rd, which gave us great pleasure. We are very glad to hear you have settled down, for a while at least, so we will know where to direct your letters, and be sure you get them. Last week I received four of my letters, which had been to Vicksburg, to Washington then home. I suppose this will account for your not receiving any letters from home since December. You may be sure I was not very well pleased, after writing to you so very often as I have been doing, then after all to have them sent back. It is real provoking. But I hope you have

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not told us what kind of business you are in. explain what the Contraband said is. I am glad you and John keep togather. Where is Dick? you never mention his name, any more. You often speak of Colonel Ellet. what has become of John? give him my kind regards when you see him.

Henry, next wednesday our school closes all this week, we have been having written examinations, wednesday we have a public exhibition, after which we have five weeks vacation. Thursday George and I are going out to Pine Mountain to plant flowers on Charlie Ellets grave. Mrs Gaskell asked me if I would, take care of it, and I told her I would. Have you got the picture I sent you yet.? Here is one of mine. it is very poor but the best I have.

I have not heard from Santa Clara for some time, but expect Amanda down in vacation. Mr Johnson is in very poor health. the doctor says he will not live more than six months, he has settled up his business and expects to go home this spring. Mr Talbot is in town without a cent, has been here a month, without finding any thing to do. Sarah has given him the mitten, I suppose her mother came to the conclusion that he gave her too much trouble, and he had to much Yankee in for her.

Amanda has written to me but I suppose you will not get it, as it was written, about, Christmas.

What is the reason you write such short letters, of late? I always write long ones, and I dont like short letters, I should think, you. Now Lieut. G. B. Doane, Esq., ought to be able to write a sheet full. to your sister and Mother, ma will write soon, Jim has answered. your letter. Write soon, and remember me, your loving sister

Annie.

San Francisco July 17th 1865

Dear Brother

I have written to yoy twice but have received no answer as yet mother got a letter yesterday which was dated May 20th. I suppose you are in business in Yazoo, I hope busines is better there than it is here this is the dullest time San Francisco ever saw every thing is over-done and the people are leaving by hundreds to go east, pa talks some of going himself he has an idea that he could buy land for what the improvements are worth, I wish you would please let us know how it is? Billie Mulligin of vigilence memory went down to the police office a few weeks ago, he said the vigilence committy were after him, the next morning he appeared to be all right so they let him out he went to his room (which was in the St Fransis hotell) and a priest went to see him he told him to leave the room or he would shoot him, and so he went out then one of his friends went to see him

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he sho[redacted]im as soon as he entered then he shot another man out of the window, he was standing on the opposite corner, the police were then stationed around the building, he shot twice at them but missed them one of the police shot him from a window opposite and that was the end of Billy Mulligin. James is upon the erkson place with Metcalf he spent his forth with us, he had an awful boil on his hand, he only stoped one day as Metcalf wanted to oversee the place he likes the farm better than the city after all he was very unwell while he stayed in the store, and so pa took it and sold it for $500 and he has done nothing and I have been going to school. This is all I have to say at present, write soon and write a good long letter and don write it in Latin or any thing else that I cant read. O yes I have a little more to say I have been offered $25 pr month to go to work but I think there is something that I need more than money dont you?

From your loveing brother

George E Doane

G E Doane

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I was surprised to learn that you were once again a civilian, & even more astonished that you had entered upon a mercantile career. Do you propose to locate at Vicksburg? I thought you would scarcely be willing to live any where but California. What will your mother & Annie say to that! Are you so much pleased with business prospects or is there some more potent charm in the shape of a lovely damsel, a "Southern Belle." Whatever may be the attraction, at least, you have my best wishes for your future success. I shall hope that you will not wholly drop my correspondence, even tho your time may be more pleasantly occupied, I shall always feel interested to hear from you,

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& will promise not to delay writing so long again. Write me of yourself, your prospects, your pleasures, & whatever else may interest you. I have an acquaintance who visited in Vicksburg before the war, & she speaks of the many beautiful young ladies there, & how gay the city was, but I presume this is all changed now. At home, we are as usual. Read has no business yet, & we are all at home now. Excuse this long delay & believe me that it was unavoidable, & do not punish me by allowing as long a time to pass en you write me, & believe me always your friend.

Mrs. J. Sewall Reed.

Dorchester, Mass
July 18, 1865

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her uncle is still weak and I expect always will be—

My dear son I hope you will have your health and succeed in business, how much we all want to see you, the time appears so long I sometimes almost wish I had wings that I might see you again, write oftener and tell me what you think we could do in the states, say Va or Tennessee, write to James if you have any encouragement for him— I must close it is late at night, this is a poor scraul written in haste— my eyesight is bad at night so you must excuse it— all join me in love to our Wanderer farewell my Johnny may the Lord bless you is the earnest prayer of Your

ever loving Mother

M G Doane

San Francisco Sep 1st, 1865

My dear son

I sit down to write you a few lines, I have but little time as the steamer goes tomorrow— Anna received yours of June 14th and I am anxiously waiting for an answer to mine of July 8th. I have but little to say about family affairs, Father has not had any thing to do since he got rid of that miserable oil hole until now, he has got a job for about a month, he gets $4. and Jimmy $3. per day, Jim works with him he can get nothing else to do, he has the blues so, that he is not like the same boy, he is anxious to go east if he had the means to go, he says if he has to hire out he want to go where he is not known, Father is trying to sell out our property here at a low figure, but no bid as yet, Hundreds are trying to sell out to go east, the steamers go out crowded

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and bring in very few How changed Cal, is since you left in every way, every thing in the city is overdone, and the place is crowded with with workmen of every description —

The elder of the Alexanders (You remember the three brothers) has been on east and has just returned, he tells father the chance for making money is much better now in the states than here, he says $25,00 would buy a better place in Mo, than the Woods place, he intends going back in a few weeks, I cant tell yet what we will do — George Norwood was down this week he says things are going on about as usual up in Santa Clara, the crops are abundant, wheat is $1.50 now in the county, he told us that Pat Nash got into a quarrel with one of his harvest hands, and the fellow threw a stone and struck Pat on the head and broke his skull, so that he died the next morning, another thing he told us Charley Center is married to Sarah Garside, what do you think of that, the Gomer boys are both married, the Jones title is confirmed to 9800 acres — Mr Bannister has built a large house on his lot by the College, it is about such a house as Moores on the Alameda, I have not heard any thing about the school in St, Clara this session — Mr Lick has built an addition to his hotel on the lot back of the first one and almost as large, and there has been a number of fine buildings put up this summer —

A sad accident happened a week or two since, the Steamer B Johnathan on her trip to Oregon struck on a rock and sunk in a short time, out of two hundred persons but one boat containing 13 persons was saved, among the lost was Gen Wright and wife — Annie and the boys are still at school

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and John, do not forget to tell
Dick to write. I am as ever your
loving Sister,
Annie.

My dear, though we are far
from each other, my thoughts
are often with you.
darling brother
good night.

San Francisco
Sept 11 1865.

My dear Brother.

I have been very
busy lately, and therefore have
not been as punctual in writing
as I should be if I did not have
to study quite so hard,
to night I have a criticism to
write, on ten compositions, so if
my letter is not long you will
know the reason why, It has
been some time since we received
a letter from you, and I cannot
think why you do not write to
me oftener, I was quite surprised
to hear Dick had not received my
letter, as I wrote long ago, and
I think it is his place to write
to me when he knows I have written
to him, and I wish you would tell

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him so.
George Norwood was down last week and stayed several days. he is getting quite attentive, but has no show. (so I told him) as there is a gentleman next door, who, has stepped in before him. O, Cheny I wish I was where you are, then I would not be in some kind of a fuss all the time, for I am here, Jim is no company for me he never takes me out any place, and if any person comes to the house to take me out, or if I speak to any person (a gentleman) in front of evening ma & Pa, think I am in love sure, Cheny please do not tell ma what I say to you. for if you do she will scold me, last monday evening I went to the Cliff House, in a carriage, and had a glorious time, but I suppose I can not go again, George Norwood asked me five or six times to go to the fair but I would not, he is so green, and such so stupid, that I do not like to go out with him.
I was looking over the paper last evening and saw the marriage of both the Somer boys, Cheny I am not in despair yet, for I think if they can marry there is surely a chance for me.
Every thing here is very dull, and nothing of interest except the school, next week we have a vacation and I am going across the bay to see Rose Filch and Tillie Lynch. Tillie sends her love to you, and Dick.
There goes the bell, it is my next door neighbor, Mr Miller, I must go and see what he has to say.
Cheny do write soon, and give me some good news, I will write again very soon, all send their love to you and please give mine to Dick.

San francisco Oct 2nd 1865

My dear Son

I write to send by tomorrows steamer, it has been some five or six weeks since we have received any letter from You, and I begin to to feel very anxious about You, as it is just past the sickly season I fear you may have had an attack of some kind of sickness and not been able to write, though I hope if such were the case Mr Ellet would inform us of it as soon as possible, Annie said I have been writing regularly every two weeks, do you get our letters? it seems so strange that they should miscarry when the mails route are all established again —

I told you in my last that father wished to sell out here and go back to the states, but property does not sell so readily as it did some time ago and we cant dispose of it only at a sacrifice so we will keep it awhile longer, as to going back East I do not approve of it much myself, this cool climate agrees with me, and when a week of warm weather visits the children and makes them so uncomfortable what would they do through those long hot seasons — Father has no regular employment as yet, he and Jessee have been working on a coal oil distillery for among other discoveries they have found petroleum on several places, in Los Angeles county they have a spring that runs fifteen hundred gallons per day, in Humboldt Co, numbers are boring for it and also near Lexington St Clara Co. with prospect of success, so you see we have almost every thing here you could call for — We are all well as usual and the children are at school doing their best at trying to improve, Anna will tell you about the young folks as I know

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but little about them. Wheaton is working for his step father, through the week he oversees at the slaughter house and on saturday night he puts on his white apron and ~~and~~ attends the meat stalls, he dont pretend to do any business for himself Every thing seems dull in Bal. compared with what it used to be 6 vessels coming here being from three to four hundred, and leave here with from twelve to sixteen hundred, just the reverse of what it was two or three years ago

It is late and I must close, Chaney dear I wish you would tell me more particularly what you are doing and if you have a prospect of success in any thing, I wish it was in my power to assist you if necessary, but I am unable to do it — I want you to write to Annie and advise her about her reading, she seems to habe little relish for solid reading, mostly tales and novels, caution her too about her company you know she is of an age now when she begins to think herself a young lady and I fear will not be as apt to take advice as she might be, is disposed to be a little headstrong, but do not intimate that I said any thing to you — I hope my dearest son that you will not yield to temptation to do what is forbidden O! do not neglect reading the scriptures and if there is preaching attend when you can and may God bless and prospe you, I have a longing desire to see you but do not expect to for a long time, perhaps never in this world If you meet with discouragements dont be overcome, but brave it out I trust you will succeed at last

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write frequently we ought to get a letter every two weeks at least, we are all so glad to hear from you, all join me in love to our dear Henry from your ever

Affectionate Mother

N Doane

L C Doane

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San Francisco

Jan 28th 1866

Dear Cheny,

I received your letter about [illegible] you were in a lecturing mode, from the way you laid it down to me, though.

Cheny I grant your advice was all good and I will try to follow it strictly. You may think it strange, but it is true nevertheless, that I pay much more attention to the advice given by you, than than from any one else, so you may be sure, all you say will be [illegible] parts.

Next monday I commence school again and I suppose I will have to study very hard as we enter the High School in May. I have been practicing a great deal within the last six months and am improving very rapidly though I do not

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and have not taken any lessons since you left. I often dream that I sit down to the Piano and there is not a thing I take up that I can not play, and some times my dream is almost true. there is no thing that I can not play, and if I try hard there is very few instrumental pieces which I cannot play. Your picture hangs above the Piano and some times I fancy I hear you urging me to strive on and ever, and I practice till I am almost blind. Oh! I could only take lessons I am sure I would be a splendid performer. Do not think me boasting for what I say is true.

Cheny my letter must be short, as Jim has come home to take me to Lone Mountain. I have planted quite a number of flowers on Charlie Ellis's grave and they are growing nicely. It was Mrs Ellis's request that I have done this and she promised to write to me but has not done it as yet. Do not forget to tell me in your next if you have ever got the picture I sent you by her.

Ma says "Tell Cheny we are all sitting around the fire guizzing Jim about the Sermon." He says the text was "Kitch in time saver nine" or "A penny saved is worth two earned" [illegible] delivered by your old friend Dr Peck. He also said it "It is easier for a camel to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, than for a rich man to jump through the eye of a needle."

Jim says he saw Maggie Hall in church. She looked quite natural her hair is as red and carrot as ever.

Hall send their love to you and want to see you very much. Cheny do come home. Give my regards to John and Dick, and ever remember me as your loving sister

Annie Doane.

Write me a list of the misspelled words in this.

Lovingly Yours

Annie.

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San Francisco Feb 19th 1866

My beloved Son

I received your letter of Nov 3rd in due time, and I have been anxious to write, but still kept delaying in hopes of having something more agreeable to relate.

You seem to be entirely ignorant of our affairs from the way in which you speak of the Woods place, I have tried to make you understand that we had to sell that place in order to get a home in the city, by selling off all our stock and putting every thing we had into the Woods place, we could have kept it and would have done it but that Gallagher claim hangs over it, and there is bound to be a vexatious lawsuit about it — After disposing of every thing and paying all debts we had 7,000 dollars left Father paid 5.00 in gold for copper stock that is not worth a farthing, 5.00 more we spent before getting into business, then paid Deitz 2,000 for a little store filled with old fashioned lamps and other old rubbish not worth five hundred dollars, and with the remainder we bought our lot and built a very comfortable house

I must tell you the result of the store speculation, after keeping it about 18 months he sold it for 300 dolls, at the same time he was in debt on the store 440 dolls, 140 of which he had to work out by carpentering, that was the oil hole I spoke of — Our support lately has been Fathers work on small jobs of carpentering and furniture making you remember Cheney that he used to say he would rather die than to be so reduced in circumstances as to have to work by the day, but he has come to it, and you may judge of his feelings, he says the worst of it is on Annie account, at her age to be deprived of every advantage and enjoyment is very humiliating, I have not even had my church privileges, father thought he could not afford to take a pew, and I could not occupy a pew with my family and not pay for it, so I have had no opportunity to form acquaintances — James has been working in an oil refinery at 60 dolls per month, that would do very well if he had steady employment which he has not —

Father has searched the town over and over again and can get no work to do every thing is crowded And what position in society can the family of a

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man money who has to work around by the day, I had hoped we could stay here until the children could get through the grammer school.

One thousand dollars has covered our family expenses for the past year that is economising pretty closely for a family of seven persons having every thing to buy even to our water Accustomed to having so much to do with in the country I can scarcely realise the situation in which we are now placed, Annie is out of health that is another source of trouble to me, at times she has a rush of blood to her head attended with dizziness, and a feeling of ~~dizziness~~ suffocation and constant headache, she is unable to attend school this session, the doctor dont seem to know what is the cause of her complaint, I am afraid it is heart disease, she is large and looks the picture of health no one would suppose she was troubled with any thing like disease her Piano is her greatest comfort she practises a great deal and has improved some in her music George and Charley have improved their time well, I do not think that George will ever love hard work he says he is going to be

a lawyer and ~~swindle~~ his living out of others, he tells me not to fear I shall have an easy time yet if there is any wit in the family it is in him, Charley is almost two inches taller than he is, John can learn when he is compelled to, he is James over again good to work but unwilling to learn I always felt ambitious to have my children educated and have done what I could to accomplish it, but the prospect looks rather doubtful at present

Feb 10 Father and James have gone out into the country to look for a farm, that is the place for us, father is not calculated for doing business in a city, so Price could have given him a good situation but he dont seem inclined to employ him in any way, I expect Mrs P. forbids it and that is enough for is rich and they are very much changed in their style of living

Poor Cheney dear I have told you just how we were situated if we can get on to a farm again I think we can make a comfortable living the boys are all able to make farm hands and it is little living and feeding of men that we would do that is what ruined us before

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Cheney dear you must not think that we forget you Anna and I often talk over old times on the farm, and particularly of your trials and boyhoods troubles, she remembers it all, she cant speak of it without bursting into tears, it was hard discipline but it may be turned to some good account in your future life, it is all past now and I dont wish to stir up hard feelings Dear Son I hope you will try to excuse all and forgive all as you hope to be forgiven

Feb 19 Father and James have returned from their trip but did not succeed in finding a place so we have about concluded to go Visalia if we cant do better, its is quite settled about there now, but when we have determined I will let you know all about it.

Foster Pierce has been out here for two or three months he and Jo have dissolved partnership he got 25 per cent for buying the goods, Foster received a letter from home and read to father a part that was copied from your letter

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asking him to join with you in purcha-
-sing a plantation, he remarked that he was
too old now to go into any such enterprise
but I have no Idea that he has the money
at his command, one thing I beg of you
Cherry, that is, never to ask a favor of a
Pierce again, I should not wish to feel
under obligation to them for anything whatever
My dear son if I could take you by the hand
and sit down beside you I would have a great
deal to say I suppose it is useless to say come
home, but I should be so rejoiced to see you
I place every confidence in you my son and
I hope a kind providence will attend you
I have now informed you of all our family matters
it is rather a discouraging letter, but I wish
to keep you posted in all our affairs

James wants to write to him

Rev I Owen died last week, and there are changes
making all the time, Mrs Bill Hiffer is married
to Parker Houston and family have left St Clair
all the settlers on the Jones tract are buying
their land at 20 dollars per acre very low I think
When you write do not allude to much that
I have written as father wishes to keep you in
ignorance of every thing. direct as usual
farewell the Lord bless you my son
is the prayer of your Mother
S C Doane

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San Francisco March. 28th

Fig.

Mr. Dear [redacted]

I have put off writing to you for some time, expecting to receive a letter from you but (as usual) have been disappointed. Cheny can it be possible that you have forgotten me? Mother often says of late "she is afraid you are forgetting us, but I will not allow myself to think so for a moment. Perhaps you do not hear from me often, if this is the case, it is [redacted] than twice a month, and generally every steamer. So what excuse you can have for not answering, I cannot conceive. Cheny do not think me cross, but you know there is not much pleasure in writing letters when you receive no answers.

I have just returned from a visit to Tillie Lynch, in Alameda. She always enquires for you, and sends [redacted] She is teaching school and giving music lessons at thirty five dollars a month. I can assure you, I do not envy her the position. Fancy a girl who can play no better than she can, giving music lessons. What would Mr Schuck say? I think I will apply for a situation, as I can play twice as well as she can.

Father and Jim have gone to Visalia, in search of a house, so that we can move. Cheny what do you think of this? I am disappointed and angry. I suppose [redacted] music that is out of the question, I had hoped to take lessons, again some time, and continue my school, but no I must be dragged up to that heathenish, lonesome place to spend the rest of my days, I am now of an age, when I should see company, and try to improve myself. But now I have given up all idea of being

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any thing more than a country greenhorn, I do not suppose there will be any thing there to read, and Cheny, what on earth shall I do?

You know just what pa use to be, and as he was when you were going to school, so is he now, One continual grumble, from morning till night, He seems to think I have been to school quite enough, and as to my music lessons, that is not atall necessary, Just to think of me having to go to Visalia, the contemptable place to stay, perhaps five or six years Cheny how can I endure it? If Pa was cooled, and [illegible] all the time, I could stand it but as it is, it is beyond endurence, He often says "I am getting more like you every day, in disposition, and when I am reading, often tells me, "I had better put up that book, and go to work, You can judge from this, the way I feel, and how things go on. Do not tell me what I have said to you, as she has talked and talked till she [illegible] it does no good.

I received a letter from Jim to night, they were then in San Ramon stopping at Mrs Peak's (Mary Hancock) I suppose they are in Visalia by this time, We will move in about a month to that, Warm climate, (it seems such to me,)

Cheny if you find ore mistakes than usual in this, please remember the boys, are acting like lunatics

Cheny do you advise me to keep up a correspondence with George Norwood, he writes exceedingly foolish letters and uses expressions which I do not consider very gentlemanly (and O so silly) In asking me to visit the country he says, "It is the same in the country, as it always is this time in the year, The birds sing gaily, and the infant squall may be heard at every house

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and all nature seems alive with fleas and gnats. See Lis, [redacted] to the extreme.

I never see anyone from Santa Clara now, and seldom hear from them, You do not know how much we miss Horace Wheaton he use to come to our house so much. Why does Dick not write to me he knows I have written several times, tell him I wish him to write: and John, he use to be at Mrs Babcock's most every night for weeks before he left, but now he does not even send his regards, much less, writing as he promised to. [redacted]

It is getting late and ma is sleepy so I must bid you good night. When I go through our nice house and think of having to leave it just as we have got settled, and have it furnished, it makes me feel perfectly wretched, if we were going to Santa Clara, or Oakland, or any place near the city, I should not care so much. But to Visalia, where it takes a week to go and a week to [redacted] however can I stand it.

Write soon, do not neglect me longer, when we go to Visalia the only pleasure I shall have will be in answering your letters, give my regards to Dick and John and remember me your

Loving but disappointed and discouraged sister
Annie,

Good night darling do not forget me.

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me soon are coming home.
George has written and mother
will do so very soon, with much
love, I remain your
Sister
Carrie.

All send their love and want
you to come home, send your letters
by express and I will be sure to get
them.

Miss Carrie S. Lowe(?),
Mearns(?)
Contra Costa Co.
Cal.

Saturday I received a letter from
Will Moore(?), he says he has written
to you several times without being
answered, have you got his letters?
I gave him your address, he says he
will write. I suppose you know Sarah
is married, to young Mr. [illegible]. she
[illegible] and has [illegible] to her name real
estate [illegible]. Callie Lyons(?) has returned
from the East and married some
man [illegible] [illegible]
you [illegible]. I would have
heard of Fannie Kimball's(?) death(?).
Have you seen Hester(?) since she returned
home? if so did she give my picture?
do not forget to tell me in your
next. I think I have answered all your
questions and told you all the
news concerning your school friends
but I have something to tell you
yet but I don't know how to begin.
One day about the first of June(?) [illegible]
and the boys were [illegible] [illegible]

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in a creek that is on the place.
Pa put his foot on a stick to hold it
then lifted his ax to strike, but the ax
caught on the twig of a tree, and fell
on his foot cutting of the big toe. the
doctor was called immediately and
the wound, bound up. we all thought
it would soon get well, but about a
week after, he complained of stiffness
in his jaw, but would not let us send
for a doctor. the two days after he first
felt his face stiff. Thursday morning
the 2nd of August the doctor came, and
told us he had taken the lockjaw
in its worst form, everything that
could be done for him was done but
it did no good. oh Cheny, what
awful suffering for two days
he was in spasams all the time,
and screaming at the top of his
voice. Sunday morning he died
at six oclock. 5th day of August,
He had his will written by me he was

taken very badly, after Thursday
he could not talk to us only to
call for water, water all the time.
none of us children could be in
the room as it threw him into a spasm
if he saw any of us. Leaver and his
wife were over all. Mr & Mrs Pierce.
Cheny is this not dreadful after all
our other misfortunes it really seems
to hard to think pa should be
taken from us. now that he is
wanted so much. I had hoped to
be able to go to school and take music
lessons again soon but I can not now
but I shall study hard at home.
I can play better now than any one in
the valley, and shall try to get a few
music scholars. then I can take lessons
myself.

Cheny can you not come home
and see us. Oh! how I wish you could
if it were only for a month.
Write soon, immediately, and tell

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Pomeroy is still in San Jose.
Squibs is teaching school in the old school house below Cullakins
and Hemmond is farming at home.
Received a letter from George Norwood
not long since, he wants to get married
and wishes to know how I should like
to go back to Santa Clara to live;
pretty good is it not?
I told him my next move
would be to San Francisco, as I did
not particularly fancy a
country life, poor deluded simpleton,
what a husband he would make.
But Cherry of all the people
that ever lived there are the
meanest, always talking about
[illegible]
thing a little better than the
other, the rest are envious and
make all the mean remarks
they can. They think I am
a dreadful proud "stuck up"
thing" (so they call me) but I don't
care for the miserable low beastly
sexish creatures, they are welcome to
all they can find in me to talk
about.

Death of Mr Doane

"Mamma"

August 19th 1866

"My dearest Brother!"

Your precious
letter of Mary 23rd was received
two weeks ago, being the first for
eight months, we had all
given up the idea of ever hearing
from you again, but now that
we know you are still in the
land of the living I hasten to
reply.

You see from the above, that we
are not in Visalia. Father and
Jim went up to see the place,
but Jim would not go there himself,
neither would he let us go, (much
to my joy) so they came over here
(in San Ramon) and bought a place,
it is good ground, though quite hilly,
but of course I do not like it as well as

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I did the city, there being no society, schools or anything else here. The weather is very warm, and this does not improve either mother's or my health. Neither the boys or myself can go to school this year. Cheering you do not know how I miss my school.

The Piper girls called on me just before I left the city. I did not return their call. I attended the examinations in Santa Clara this June and found them very interesting, better than usual in the Institute. The graduates were Misses, Meek, Geller, Gould, Headen and Widney, also Mr Easton and Garrigus. I called at Johnson's.

Amanda has grown very tall, and horridly ugly. Mr J. is almost dead with consumption, is not expected to live but a few months. Lake's are all well. Fred is at Senior this year. (at last)

I met Ryan Kincaid at a dance, he is just as ugly as ever though he made himself exceedingly agreeable.

I wrote to Mr Schurck yesterday as you requested, as to Lue's letters Mr S. gave them all to me. I have had a chance to send them to her through Fannie Coat, (if you have no objections) They are dancing in San Francisco, Mason is clerk in a store, and poor as he can be.

As to your Diploma, I have told you in three or four letters, that it could not be found, both Mother and Jim hunted for it but the firm have changed, and it has been lost.

The Degree of Master of Arts, has been conferred on A. E. Pomeroy, C. M. Kincaid and A. E. Squires of your class.

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$400 — to $350 — according to accommodation I should advise you by all means to go by Steamer — there is no advantage in going round and besides they stop at no part unless disabled —

There is no particular day for their sailing — only when full —

I shall be very glad to see you and if you come to Boston I hope I shall have that pleasure — My family join in best wishes to you

Ever yours

F. Price

Boston Sept 25th 1867

Mr G C Doan

My Dear Friend

Your letter of the 20th reached Boston during my absence for a few weeks and it was some days after my return before I got hold of it —

I am glad to see from your letter that you are at Worke on the right side and I hope there will be enough to worke until all the deficulties now existing in our County are settled as they should be.

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[illegible] and
good of all and our
country take the position
she ought the strongest
and the best on Earth

You are well aware
that I have visited
California since I last
saw you — I was in
your Father's Family
several times while
there and they were
all very happy then
and your Father well —
he was one of the
last I bid good by
to on the Wharf — and
was in perfect health,
but I had hardly
reached home when
I heard of his death
No one of his old
friends felt it more

deeply — we were
warm friends in Bay-
hood and through
life. His memory is
very dear to me — but
such is the uncertainty
of life, that we little
know how soon the
best of friends will
be taken — I think if
you could go to
your Mother you could
do much to cheer her

You say you are
desirous to make a
passage round the horn
in returning to Cali —
I have looked in to
the Matter — and the
lowest passage you can
get will be from $325 to
$350 — You can
go by Steamer from

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and he has just sold out report says for thirty thousand dollars, their boy Jimmy Flippin died recently. And so it is it would require a volume to tell you all that you would be interested in hearing.

At home we are getting on as usual, George and Charley are working the place with Johns help, it did not require all of them at home so James is working with Mr Peak, poor Jim this is rather hard but he has to crush it down and do the best he can, I am considerably in debt and we are trying to extricate ourselves, Oh Cheney if I could talk with you what a comfort it would be to me. — Why dont you write to Annie she thinks it strange that you neglect her as you do, when she loves you so much

write immediately and direct to Mrs Solomon Doane Alamo, we will get your letters

Alamo Nov 19th 1867

My dear Son

I received yours of Aug 20th through Mr Pierce, I was delighted to get such a cheerful letter and especially one that spoke of your coming back to Cal again. You could scarcely imagine the changes and improvements made since you left. I was in San Fran last week and was surprised to see the improvements made in one year, such numbers of elegant buildings going up in every part of the City

Mr Pierce was burnt out three months ago, so he is out of business, every thing destroyed was covered by insurance so that he lost little or nothing by the fire. Foster son has been in San Fran. for some time though I have not seen him.

You would find Santa Clara much improved and San Jose quite a City. The railroad has greatly advanced the price of land.

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You remember Dexters place by Redwood City he sold it last spring for eleven thousand cash, and he has bought 400 acres of good land in Gilroy. The Wood place that we foolishly parted with is now worth 17.000 dollars Enright told James the other day that Mickey Farrell could take 8.000 for his place any day the price paid for wheat for the last two or three years has made land enormously high

Mr Braleys family are well Lebe is attending the College. John is farming on his place, he could not succeed as a teacher, Fisk Hughs is farming, Wes. Hughs and Jim Coats are reading law in the city. Charley Pomeroy died this fall he was to have been married shortly. Able is doing well is quite a prosperous man. Seaver and Dan are still in their old business they run four and five omnibuses and so it is Cheney every one who had a good start and kept it are doing well, and many of them rich. Of the past dear Cheney it is painful for me to think, but if we have thrown every thing away we can only blame ourselves. Father saw it all when when it was too late -

Amie has just returned from a long visit to the city. she is almost as tall as Mrs Reed among the gentlemen she is quite a favorite. and if nothing happens to prevent she will be married in January. the gentleman is a Scotchman thirty years of age not handsome though well educated and genteel he has some property and a good salary as second clerk in Donahoe and Kellys banking house he is a plain home loving good common sense man and I think she will have a kind husband and a comfortable home his name is Peter Miller.

George had a letter from Mrs Reed some time ago she said she would write to you if [illegible] Sam Johnson

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Republican Speech.
To
The working-men of the South.
By
G. C. Doane.

Yazoo City
Miss

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Fellow Citizens.

We meet together on this ground today. To discuss questions of most vital interest. For the canvass of principles, having most universal application. Not alone, does the political existence of ten sovereign States depend upon the casting of your suffrages; Not alone is the practical enfranchisement of four millions of citizens involved in the issue of this hour. The civilized world looks to us for an example, to guide the nations in this great day of revolutions, trusting to the judgements of our progressive government; for authority, and willing to follow in the pathway marked out for its footsteps, by the Genius of Liberty in the western Continent.

In the words of Napoleon at the battle of the Pyramids "From these heights we are contemplated by forty centuries". The voices of the unbroken future, too, coming like the rustling of falling stars, whisper of other centuries, yet to come, which will all be influenced, to a greater or less extent; as we may do, or fail to do, our manifest duties in this time of public trial. Let us then exalt our minds to a comprehension of our im-

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ciples, it will live unscathed through every storm, and from every conflict come forth a victor.

Thanking you for a kind attention, I leave the subject with you.

G C Downs

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mense obligations, and give the energies of our whole souls to the accomplishment of the great work in hand.

The reorganization of a territorial empire wasted in fertility, ruined by war, and exposed to the inroads of natural elements. The regeneration of a people, stricken of resources, exhausted in conflict, and weighed down by the terrible incubus of a dead barbarism, whose carcass has not yet been removed from the face of the land. These are the labors before us. In the august presence of these great facts, how insignificant appear all personal differences, How trivial all sectional feelings, How frothy, all considerations of race, color, or condition. In discussing the questions before us today, I address myself, not to the oligarchy of former slaveholders, who, having lost their cherished idols, now seek to drag all others down in common ruin. I appeal to the working-men of the South. The farmer, the tradesman, the artisan, the laborer, white or colored. The self-sustaining element. The bone and sinew of the people. I appeal to the descendants immolated for generations past on

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desk. The implements of the working man. The Shrieking Locomotive, and the white winged Clipper of the Seas. The Castellated Monitor, and the twenty-inch Rodman, are all Republican.

Will for chaos Light; or darkness, Progress, or Decadence; The front rank of Civilization, or the borders of barbarism. Will Jew be Citizens, or Clients. Rulers, or Subjects.

These are questions involved in the issues of the present Campaign. And the decision is with those who will bear the consequences of their own actions. Neglect, or refusal to act with sound judgement; can only recoil upon ourselves. The Government will lose nothing. If our whole population, by some fell stroke of fate, should be swept from the earth; its blessings would not waver by the breadth of a single hair. Millions of homes might be draped in the weeds of Mourning, and a cry of anguish go up from the uttermost parts of the land, but the United States Government would still move on, in the invincible armament of Eternal Justice, and guided in its course by a Power which sees far beyond the clearest visions of man. Founded on the rock of everlasting Prin-

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the altars of the Peculiar institution: to Peculism, that it crushed out all enterprise, all energy, all enlightenment. I appeal to the millions who followed in the wake of that Juggernaut Car, freighted with domestic despotisms, under the Juggernaut wheels of which were cast, alas! too willingly! their manly privileges, and their civil liberties.

The Republican Party, which is synonymous with the United States Government at the present day, proposes to reconstruct the States lately in rebellion, under the provisions of the Military Bill. I shall attempt to justify the course of that party, from first to last, with relation to these States, since the surrender of the Confederate armies.

The right of conquest, universally admitted, and without which, in the form of a right of revolution, the South would have been confessedly basking in a single ground for its previous action, will be granted without argument. It has been acknowledged by all, under the full endorsement of international law. Our space of consideration is therefore limited to that period from the date of the surrender forward

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elements of prosperity. It ignores the despondency of the present, and the bitterness of the past. It comes to you hopefully: with words of encouragement, and promises of better things.

Commerce flows with its onward movement. Competition follows in its track. Wealth is in the hollow of its hand. Its very name is a synonym of Progress. Since the close of the war, it has given to Tennessee one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants, Missouri, over two hundred thousand. It has built up Western Virginia, Kansas, and Nevada. The columns of its pioneers are fast spanning the Continent with a flash of iron. It reaches forth one hand to play with the icebergs of the arctic ocean, while the other is laved by the tepid waves of equatorial seas. The reflex wave of its public opinion, sweeps away the oppressions of other lands. The freed serfs of Russia, Young Italy, United Canada, Australia, the new Constitution of Hungary, are all endorsements of its enlightened course. Its language is the language of triumph. Its arts are the levers by which the world is moved. The symbols of its power may be seen in all places. The printer in the hands of an infant: The school books on the

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to the present time.

The Conservative Party, in opposition to Reconstruction, endeavors to fix the imputation of tyranny, and the stigma of bad faith, upon the authors of the Freedmen's bill, seeking by this means to induce you to reject the action of Congress, and continue the Lion under Military rule. Their arguments are grounded upon the following assumptions, which I will take up for consideration in the order laid down

1st. That the right of Congress to coerce a Rebellious State, ceases with the surrender of its armies .....

2d That an Oath of allegiance, or executive Pardon, restores all forfeited privileges.

3d That the Government has exercised unjustifiable harshness, in dealing with individuals, late in rebellion .....

4th That the action of Congress in granting suffrages to the Freedmen, is without Constitutional authority .....

5th That the Slaves in the different States were emancipated by action of the Legislatures of 1865 .....

6th Unequal Taxation .....

7th A War of Races

8th Assumption of Superior Legislation

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42 obligation of trusting all things to a mere chance. They call upon you to reject liberty, and follow the shadow of a former power. They desire you to grovel in the mire of helplessness, like Bunyans "man with a muck rake, while Columbia holds a crown of political glory just above your heads. They would have you live under military rule; thus confirming habits of servitude, which would render you the more pliable, as tools with which they hope to work out their own salvation, and entail upon you, with their success, an obligation to pay taxes which will remunerate them for losses of slaves by the late war; lost in the attempt to perpetuate your past subjection, to a domineering class. They hope to introduce among you a system of peonage, which will ape in its barbarisms the civil systems of Mexico.

Such is the Conservative Programme: The Republican party takes a different ground. It rallies around the standards of free speech, free press, free schools, and free men. It offers you in place of ignorance, enlightenment. In place of anarchy, liberty. It will build up your towns, to cities. It will people your solitudes, drain your swamps, build your levies, and fill your land with the

capacity, in matters relating to the welfare of the southern people . . . . . .

These eight Propositions are universally assumed by the Conservatives, as self-evident facts. not subject to require proofs in substantiation of their truth. And as such, they are constantly used in the mouths of their orators, and at the fire-sides of their writers during the present canvass.

The assumption of untenable grounds, in a discussion of this character, can only be accounted for on a supposition that those who employ fallacious premises, either feel themselves, the weakness of their cause, and seek a way of retreat, or by a long continued opposition to the manifest principles of constitutional law, have so blunted their finer sensibilities, as to be unable to discriminate between just convictions of right, and the dictates of a grovelling selfishness.

In political, as in religious controversies any Creed may be sustained, any belief justified, if the premises on which that Creed, or belief is based, may be allowed to pass without confutation. The wildest dogmas, become realities, as plain as

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41 Have they given you intelligence? How many miles apart are your country school-houses? Have they given you internal improvements? How far do some of you have to haul Cotton to Market? Have they given you prosperity? Look to the hillsides washed away. The swamps overflown. the low price of land; the scarcity of money; the grass-grown villages, and silent graves, for your answer! Have they given you Peace? observe the load of weapons, carried by peaceable citizens while attending to the daily avocations of life. and if this does not satisfy you. read the Jazoo Banner of Aug 22d, where in answer to inquiry "if a northern man can travel through the South with safety:" The editor returns an affirmative, and refers him in proof of the fact to Judge Kellys Speech in Philadelphia, where he says an attempt was made to assasinate him "but once"!!!

Having projected, and accomplished the political and financial ruin of the South, Having brought you to the present situation, by their overweening ambitions. What advice do these Conservatives give you with reference to your best course in the future. Do they offer you a single prospect of advantage? No. They propose to hang a millstone about your necks; and enjoin upon you the

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life. so long as we permit their advocates to direct our constant attention to the superstructures, and refrain from examining the foundations of their theoretical temples. Not only is this the case in assumptions of things essentially false, but also in the perversion of things essentially true. From disjointed sentences of the Bible, arranged to suit the requirements of theorists, have arisen a thousand faiths; of most various and opposite tenets; and often engaging as scriptural duties the practice of most terrible enormities

Yet the whole Book is plainly summed up by its divine author in the few simple words. "Love thy God with all thy heart; and thy neighbor as thyself."

The divine right of kings, feudal institutions, and barbarous practises, in all ages, have rested on foundations which were only straws, in being shielded from the light of advancing civilization, by clouds of darkness beneath which it was forbidden to penetrate.

If we allow the opposite party to prescribe a code of natural laws, to suit their own convenience, and transfer the field of argument to their premises, their

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commercial insecurity. Yet more insecure, and proposes to reorganize the Country on a Congressional basis intended, as much as possible to leave the Conservative element out in the Cold. If such Samples give evidence of the legislative abilities, best calculated to control the destinies of a free Population, then indeed our forefathers have lived in vain. And henceforth, in seeking authority for the Justification of any political Course, we may close the Encyclopaedia of Arts, and refer instead to the Catalogue of Blunders, as treasured up with greatest care by the Conservative party, to be used as arguments for the humbugging the Multitudes.

In Conclusion, Having shown you the utter Shallowness and fallacy of the high sounding assumptions of our opponents in this Contest, Having convicted them before the bar of history, the bar of precedents, and of law, often from their own mouths also, Having shown you that their record is but a record of failures, their policy one of self interest alone, And in the face of the desolation to which their Measures have brought this fair land, let me ask you in the spirit of kindest solicitude. What, in the Name of all you hold most dear, do you expect to gain by following their fortunes still?

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case may be made to appear quite plausible. But unfortunately for the conservative theorist, both theory, and practice in the works at-large, are against his position.

Being also in a small minority, and arguing in the face of a signal failure in the attempt to carry out all previous measures, the burden of proof rests with him. The grounds on which the Republican party is based, are endorsed by the enlightenment, the talent, the power of all modern civilizations. The conservative stands upon a platform of his own construction, of fragments gathered from the wreck of secession. Only held together by a death grip of that old rotten democracy which clutches at its last earthly support; with the desperation of a drowning man catching at a straw. Driven from the marble halls of the National Capitol, but rejoicing still in the humble precincts of a whiskey barrel, it is yet ready to exclaim in accents of undiminished clamor, "I stand on the platform of my party"! As Satan in the serpent form is Satanic still, so the conservative dogmas, though advocated by the comparative few, and lying under the ban of progress,

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for granted by the communities at large.
It is perhaps as well for their cause, that they do dispense with arguments to prove their proposition, for on some subjects, "the less that is said, the better". The following I will cite, as a few of the legislative achievements which commend them to you as the modern representatives of Solon and Lycurgus.
1st The Kansas squabble, which broke the Missouri compromise, and enabled the emigration from the free states to crowd slavery out of all the territories...
2d The advancement of the King-Cotton idea, which induced all Europe to embark in the Cotton business, and in the end, effectually killed the Cotton Monopoly of the Slave States.
3d The Rebellion, which destroyed your commerce, cost both parties half a million of lives, eight billions of dollars in cash, property and negroes; ruined your country, and left you the bills to pay.
4th In the Legislatures of -65, passing time away in repelling, "with suitable dignity, the advances of the government with a view to reconstruction. While thousands of your people were starving for want of food, and your lands lay idle for want of capital to work them.
5th, and finally, Bringing us to "suffer, and be strong" under a Military government, which renders.

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are as pernicious, as when planted in the face of liberty, in the legislative halls of Washington.

To allow their Pretensions to pass for truth, To countenance by acquiescence an effort to hoodwink the eyes of honest and well-meaning, but illiberate men, by the use of unscrupulous, and illogical means, in a voter, would be recklessness: In a public Speaker it verges on the bounds of criminality.

We will consider their first assumption.

1st- That the right of Congress to coerce a Rebellious State, Ceases, with the Surrender of its Armies . . . . . .

This proposition is manifestly based on the following. That a cessation of resistance to the law, is a fulfilment of its requirements. Or in other words, To cease committing crime, is equivalent to having never committed crime! The fallacy of which is evident.

Both Theory and practice in the world at-large are against this position.

I quote you from the greatest authority on international law. Vattel says, Book 3d Chap. 18, "The whole right of the Conquerer is derived from justifiable self-defense. He may, in the first place, do himself-

Vattel

38 That Capital was not furnished then, nor will it be in the future. Howsomeur often it be suggested or provoked by the Conservative element. The current of our populations flows in the same channel, and its broad tide rolls on in one dense volume until lost from view, in the misty haze of futurity.

The last proposition I shall notice is stated
8th as "The assumption of superior Legislative Capacity, in matters relating to the welfare of the southern people."

The characteristic coolness of this idea, advanced as it is, on the part of those whose legislative course has been marked by ten years of consecutive, and total failures, in a legislative capacity, reminds me of the remark made by the president of the House of Burgesses in Virginia, to George Washington when that young Hero made a failure in attempting to reply to his previous expression of thanks on behalf of the house. The speaker, observing his embarrassment said to him "Your modesty, alone is equal to your merit." So would I say to the conservative party, with a slight change of the punctuation, "Your modesty alone, is equal to your merit." And this high ground they assume without the support of any alleged proofs whatever: as a patent fact: to be taken

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justice respecting the objects which had given rise to the war; and indemnify himself for the expenses and damages he has sustained by it. He may, according to the exigencies of the case, subject the nation to punishment; by way of example. He may, even if prudence require, render her incapable of doing mischief with the same ease in future."

Here Congress is allowed

1st Justice respecting the objects of the war,
2d Indemnity for all expenses and damages.
3d The infliction of punishment by way of example
4th To render incapable of mischief in the future.

Such is the language accepted by the Powers of Europe, as the interpretation of natural law. This authority evidently forbids in latitude, any action of Congress in the premises. No indemnity has been exacted. No punishments of states inflicted. On the contrary, they were invited to reorganize at once, under legal forms of government; and be admitted to full fellowship in the Union. They failed to do so. Hence the Military bills, and the Military Government. Again. Our Constitution reads, Art 4, Sec 4

Art 4 Sec 4 Con. "The United States shall guarantee to every State, a Republican form of Government." And by law, the right of judging as to forms of State governments, is vested in Congress.

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in the Richmond enquirer before the war, in which these words occur. "The principle of Slavery is, in itself, right; and does not depend on difference of Complexion"!
George Fitzhugh of Virginia in his "Sociology" says "Slavery, black or white, is right, and necessary. Nature has made the weak in mind or body for slaves"! From a South Carolina journal of that period is quoted "Slavery is the natural and normal Condition of the laboring man, black or white". De Bows review of 1860. Contained similar abominations. Showing how the current drifted at the time.
Now. the whole idea is but a scare-crow set up by conservative politicians to influence the votes of those whom they have been accustomed to control. If they believe in it themselves, why are they anxious to augment the numbers of their fancied antagonists, by importing Coolies! Is not the measure, viewed in such a light self destructive? Why do they not encourage immigration from the North to strengthen the numbers of the White race? Such would be the defensive policy! But no! This is not the programme! As in December 1860. an insurrection of the blacks would be political Capital for them to work upon.

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alone. It may be here objected that the State governments were considered republican in form, before the war, and should be so considered now. But we live in a progressive age, and the State law which values the Negro, as three fifths of a man at the ballot-box, and a beast under all other circumstances, is not regarded by our Government as republican, either in form or in fact; and its judgment is sustained by the verdict of civilizations.

A third argument is from the necessities of the case. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature". The history of the world affords no example, of any Conquered territory ever having been admitted as an integral part of government or nation, without guarantees of future, as well as present loyalty, and support. These guarantees were in no case given by these States. On the contrary, the very first acts of the Conventions, and legislatures of 1865, showed beyond cavil, a spirit of resistance to the will of the nation.

By adopting the Constitutional amendment with provisos, and by placing under the ban of Special legislation, a large majority of the Loyal people of the States, they indicated but too plainly a course

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the wealthy Slaveholder, and the poor man".
These Paragraphs contain the gist of the whole matter. With equal political privileges, even as distinct races, there can be but one common interest. Both look to the one fountain of authority for support. Both worship one God. Will study the same books, and be taught the same rules of life. Much less can there be divisions, under present circumstances when every other colored man whom you meet, in the language of Langston "Stretches forth one hand to a white man his father, another to a black woman, his Mother". There can be no war of races among us now. The backbone of the monster was broken, when the fetters fell from the last slave. The interests of all classes of our people are against it. The great heart of the Country harbors no such thought. The immense powers of the Federal government would fall upon its first outburst, as a mountain might fall upon a peasants cottage. And its place would be known no more.

To show you more fully, the fact that the former conflict was between the slaveholder and the working-men of the South, I might refer you to an article published

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of opposition in the future.

Miss Con-gratulations

In the State Convention of Miss, One Member exposed himself in these terms. "I am opposed to fighting the General Government or any-body else. I am ready to submit to its wishes, as I would to a highway robber: whose powers I might be unable to resist." Another advocated "Submitting for a time to evils which cannot be remedied." Another avowed himself as representing the "Bush whacking interest of his County." A Candidate for Congress in Virginia thus ventilated himself, in regard to payment of the National debt. "I am opposed to the Southern States being taxed at all, for the redemption of this debt, either directly, or indirectly; and if elected to Congress, will oppose all such measures. And I will vote to repeal all laws that have heretofore been passed for that purpose."

Are such, the guarantees that would justify Congress, in admitting to full privileges, States that had just ceased from deluging the country with blood, in efforts to break up our Government?

Most assuredly not! The power of the Rebellion had been broken, but it's spirit yet remained. The necessary duty

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opposed to the slave, and his master, for the Colored Man and his master combined, kept him in slavery, by depriving him of a fair participation in the labor, and productions of the rich land of the country"

Such are the statements of a former slaveholder, whom you will certainly credit - in his details. I read for from the answer of Fred Douglas and others, Colored men - to show you how in their opinion the case stands now when all are free. They say "we admit the existence of this hostility, and hold that it is entirely reciprocal. The hostility between the whites, and blacks of the south is easily explained. It has its root, and sap in the relation of slavery. and was incited on both sides by the cunning of the slave-masters. Those masters secured their ascendency over both the poor whites, and the blacks, by putting enmity between them. They divided both to conquer each xx

Now sir you cannot-but-perceive that, the cause of this hatred removed, the effect must be removed also xxx Let the negro once understand that he has an organic right to vote, and he will raise up a party in the Southern States among the poor whites who will rally with him xxx There is this conflict of which you speak, between

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of Congress, was to provide for all emergencies.

Again. In the action of the Confederate Congress, in 1803, in relation to the State of North Carolina, we find the right of Coercion openly advocated. And that too, in a government, founded on the States rights theory in its fullest development. What was the plea then urged by its advocates? National Self-preservation. The necessities of the case. And if this unjustifiable appeal be allowed as valid, in a mushroom organization, of a few months growth, with every port blockaded, and without acknowledged national existence, how much more should it be countenanced, when promulgated from the fountain of authority, in one of the leading Powers of the earth.

Having thus shown for the fallacy of the assumption, That the right of Congress to coerce a rebellious State, ceases with the surrender of its Armies.

1st From the authorities of international law.

2d From the declared duties of Congress as expressed in the Constitution.

3d From the recognised necessities of the case in hand, as shown by the Spirit of the State Conventions, and given

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the fair Castillian and the swarthy Moor to meet on cordial terms. In South America, the Rebellions which led to the independence of the Spanish provinces, had their origin in wars of races. Now, the Spaniard and the Inca stand on equal footing. They have many Revolutions, but no more wars of races.

That there was the germ of a conflict of this nature in the South, no sane man can doubt. That war was not between the white man and the Colored, but between a Slave-Oligarchy, and the Masses of the people.

The case is thus described by President Johnson in an address to a Colored delegation at Washington Feb 7th 1866. He says "A very small proportion of white persons, compared with the whole number of such, owned the Colored people of the South. I might take the State of Tennessee in illustration. There were twenty-seven non-slaveholders to one slaveholders, and yet the Slave power controlled the State. Although the Colored man was in slavery there, and owned as property, yet in comparing his condition with that of the non slaveholder, he morally estimated his importance, just in proportion to the number of slaves his master owned. The poor white man, on the other hand, was

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a precedent in Confederate action with relation to the State of North Carolina, I proceed to the second Proposition

2d. That an Oath of allegiance, or executive pardon, restores all forfeited privileges.

In opposition to this indefensible theory, I shall oppose,

1st. The Supreme powers of the Government.

2d The precepts of positive law.

It is an axiom of law, and nature, that the Creature or, or delegating power, is ever paramount to the thing created, or the authority delegated. Hence the authority which administers an Oath, or grants a pardon, can define the privileges, and limit the immunities, conferred by such oath or pardon.

Such is the construction given by Congress, the Supreme authority, in the exercise of a natural, and vested right.

2d By the precepts of law, in all ages and Countries, Oaths of allegiance have not necessarily conferred either Citizenship or suffrages. Under the old Roman Codes, conquered peoples were required to take oaths of fealty, and send hostages, as guarantee for the fulfillment of their obligations. This gave them protection by the Roman People, but no

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to frighten everybody into rallying to their standard. Let us strip this monster of his borrowed raiment, and in the light of open investigation, see him obtrude to the proportions of a harmless mouse. My historic recollections fail to bear me out in finding the author of this much abused dogma, "A war of Races" But this I do aver, and am prepared to prove, That in order to bring on, and maintain a war of Races, one race, must in every case be subject to the other at the outset. And more, The moment both have equal political privileges, the contest will cease.

The ancient Romans had a war of Races. The Plebeians and Patricians fought each other for four hundred years. Finally Caius Marius, a distinguished Plebe was elected to a consulship, and gave his order equal privileges. There were no more wars of Races at Rome. The Scots and Britons warred for Centuries over their Regal successions. until James of Scotland became King of England, and granted the Nobles of both kingdoms the same privileges. Their rivalry was stilled at once, and they have continued united to this day.

Spain was convulsed for centuries in like manner, but equal rights, allow

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civil rights. Not even that of appeal to Roman Courts. The creation of a Citizen required a Special legislative act, and for an Alien to be made a citizen, was regarded as a signal mark of favor. "To be a Roman, was greater than a king".

Under the Norman succession of William the Conqueror, not only was the right of Citizenship, as then understood, dependent upon special clemency, but also the rights of property.

At the close of the French revolution, the exiled Nobles were only restored to their temporal possessions, and civil rights by special edict of Napoleon. The taking of a mere oath of allegiance, not being held sufficient authority.

The same rule holds good in the administration of British law, to day. Citizenship is held as a privilege, not dependent upon, either acts of loyalty, or oaths of allegiance.

By our own laws, Aliens, in the Military, or Naval service of the United States, under oath of allegiance, are not Citizens thereby. An oath of allegiance, or an executive pardon, therefore, while it gives protection by the government, in no way confers citizenship, nor any of the privileges

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from Federal, a Confederate, in the North, as in the South. No Special Legislation blots the Revenue Code. The burdens of the whole people are equally apportioned, and distributed.

We will now consider that terrible Phantom which is made "to shake his gory locks" at us afar off, and clothed by the classic name, "A war of races". That grim Ogre, tricked out in the superstitions of Africa, the barbarities of Jamaica, and the degradations of Hayti. All foreign goods: none of home manufacture. In his hands are brands of fire from the burning. From his mouth issues a forked tongue, which laps up whole families of helpless women and children at a single gulp! He rides on the storm clouds rolling upward from the gulf, and his arms span the heavens from the rising to the setting sun. He shakes one fist at the pale man, and she falls into his hand, a huge Corn Dodger. The other dips into the Mississippi which runs whiskey for the shaking of his thirst. The distant mutter of his faintest whispers would silence a Columbiad. Such is the figure men are wont to conjure up at stated intervals, which singularly come, about election time,

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especially appertaining thereunto.

I pass to the third proposition.

3d That the Government has exercised unjustifiable harshness, in dealing with individuals, late in rebellion.

As this Idea is most frequently urged; not from its justice, but from its appeal to the interests and prejudices of men. it demands careful consideration, and a full refutation. Wordy declamation, and bombast, on the part of the Opposition Count for nothing. Our province is to consider authorities, precedents, and facts.

As ceasing to commit Crime does not expiate its previous commission, so, by disclaiming further active hostility, a Rebel does not obtain immunity for the past. I quote again from Vattel. Both in Vattel Chap. 18 Par 199. Speaking of Conquered peoples. "If the inhabitants have been personally guilty of any crime against the Conqueror, he may, by way of punishment, deprive them of their rights and privileges. This he may also do, if the inhabitants have taken up arms against him, and thus become his enemies. In that case, he owes them no more than what is due from a humane and equitable Conqueror, to his vanquished foes"

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bar section. which is not the case. To call taxation unequal; it must be unequal in the same articles, in different places; or on the same class of Capital similar employed. For instance. Whiskey manufactured in Maine, or Texas, pays two dollars per gallon revenue tax — Pig or bar iron, in either state, pays nothing. This is equal taxation, for the same article, pays the same, in both localities. So Tobacco, raised in Connecticut, or in Louisiana, of like classes, pays like duties. and Cotton, made in Southern Illinois, California, New Mexico, or in Mississippi all alike pays its two cents per pound. Where is the unequal taxation? Some one may object that these illustrations are not fair ones, as most of the Cotton is raised in the South. The objection is not competent. On the same ground I might object that most of the Whiskey which pays a tenfold higher tax, is made in the North! Unequal taxation is a special idea; intended to work upon the reasoning powers of men, through the medium of their pockets. an assumption whose only foundation may be traced to a few idle words. The revenues of the government are collected with perfect uniformity

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Surely from this fountain of ample authority, Congress may at least derive the right to dictate who shall be trusted with the government of the rebellious States. And surely, disfranchisement, followed by executive pardon, and sympathy, is as mild a form of punishment as may be found in any age to have been inflicted on those who had committed the overt act of treason.

The constitution, by limitation, contemplates harsher punishments. Read sec 3d art 3d "The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of Treason. But no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture, except during the life of the person attainted."

(Sec 3d Art 3d Con)

In the words "Attainder of treason" reference is made to the authorities of english, and continental law: which, in different degrees, comprehend as punishments, escheating of estates to the crown. Alienation, not only of privileges on the part of the traitor but also on the part of his descendants; and forfeiture of national protection by the same. Congress is thus allowed full authority to punish the traitor, in all ways, and by all means, being only limited to punishment of him who

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tions are a stumbling block in the way of our conservative friends, who would have you believe that the merit of giving freedom to a race in bondage, belongs to themselves, and not to the Government.

Strange inconsistency! to behold those who ~~three~~ until one year ago, were loud mouthed in advocating the hanging of all abolitionists, now so eager to appear in that category, before the eyes of the newly created voters.

The Chameleon may changes his spots, or the bird moult his plumage. Not so with the Conservate. As the popular fever rages high or low, he sheds his skin, to suit the climate, like the Copperhead snake of the North.

The constitutional amendment was submitted to them, not for the emancipation of the Negro, that had been already accomplished. but for the ratification of the amendment; which required a three fourths vote of states, before becoming a law. Let no man then be deceived, nor led astray by such barefaced assumptions as the one just refuted.

Unequal taxation, is the next plea of the opposition. This hue and cry is based upon the two cent Cotton tax. It is claimed as an exorbitant levy on the product of a particu-

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commits the overt-act; and prohibited from visiting the sins of fathers upon their children.

That the Government has exceeded the bounds of this authority, no one can with truth aver; and anything less than the full limit of a law, is clemency.

As instances of precedents afforded in the punishments meted out to traitors. previously in this, and other Countries, I refer you to the treatment of the Tories in the American revolution, that of Kossuth, by the Austrians. The French Royalists by the Convention. The Irish Patriots by the British Government. The Indian Rebels, by the same. The Exiles of Siberia. The banishments under the French Empire, and the late acts of Mexico. Compare with this catalogue of severities, the sufferings of the one recipient of punishment at the hands of the nation; in the contemplation of whose woes, Starving thousands of your people are forgotten. and who, at the time of his greatest distress of condition is thus described by one who would certainly not palliate any evils under which he labored, "as being able to relish nothing in the way of banishment, except a little

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the State of Miss, neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude, &c shall hereafter exist in the State." Observe, the acknowledgment, acquiescence, and confirmation of, an event already accomplished!

Again, and still more explicitly.

Georgia Con. The Georgia Convention, Nov 4 1865: declare slavery abolished. "The United States Government, having as a war measure, proclaimed all Slaves, held or owned in this State emancipated from Slavery, and having carried that proclamation into full practical effect: Provided, that acquiescence in the action of the United States, is not intended to operate as a relinquishment of such claim for compensation or loss &c &c" What language could be more to the point in showing that the emancipation was complete - and by proclamation, as a war measure, carried out - the Slaves were already free.

S Carolina South Carolina, Sept 13 abolishes Slavery, "The Slaves of South Carolina having been emancipated by the United States authorities". Alabama, Sept 20 "as the institution of Slavery has been destroyed in the State". The Florida Ordinance is similar to that of Miss.

Verily, the Records of those State Conven-

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of the best French brandy, and the finest Havana Cigars."

Afterward, admitted to bail, and enriched by the subscription of hundreds of thousands of dollars, in the north. The victim of National persecution now lives peacefully at Montreal, in a house of his own, and the recipient of the thousand favors lavished upon him by both friends and foes.

The deluded thousands who lost all in the support of his cause, and were reduced to beggary, recieve wordy sympathy in abundance, from his conservative adherents, but "draw rations from the government, to keep them from starvation. A singular fact, and too universally known to be questioned.

You will search the history of nations in vain; to find a parallel, in extent of national clemency.

I pass to precedents afforded by action of Confederate authority. I refer you to the punishments of union men during the rebellion; in the south. Not for the commission of overt acts, but merely for opinions sake. Witness the proscriptions, confiscations, and executions in North Carolina, and Tennessee. The driving off of all in-

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it is only to be wondered that our government
hesitated as long as it did.

Let us now consider for a moment
the absurd pretension,

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That the Slaves, in the different States
were emancipated by action of the
Legislatures of — 65.

The ratification of the Constitutional amend-
ment, not abolishing, but prohibiting Slavery
in the United States, is the ground on which
this assumption is based. In order to show
for the absolute silliness of any such
proposition, permit me to read the
Amendment referred to. Constitution Art 13

Con art 13

Section 1st "Neither Slavery, nor involuntary
servitude, except as a punishment for
Crime, shall exist within the United States,
or any place subject to their jurisdiction.
Section 2d. Congress shall have power to enforce
this article by appropriate legislation"

That the spirit of this law assumes the
fact of Slavery having previously been abolished
by the execution of President Lincolns famous
Proclamation, and that it was so inter-
preted by the State Conventions, is clearly
shown by the following.

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Aug 29th 1865: Miss State Convention passed an
Ordinance containing these words. "The insti-
tution of Slavery having been destroyed, in

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digent persons in the borders of Louisiana and Arkansas, in -64. The Banishments and confiscations in Virginia. Were not a few men hung in Miss also, without trial judge or jury, torn from the bosom of their families and ushered at a moments warning, by bands of desperadoes, into the presence of their God? And were the perpetrators of such deeds punished? These things are seldom spoken of in public now, and still less frequently, are seen in print. They belong to that Catalogue, the register of which is only kept in hell. They were never, thrown open to the judgements of the world, as are the trials of State prisoners by our government. But citizens here among you speak of occurrences in days gone by, with hushed voices; and mysterious references; as the terrible barbarities of that dark period when Treason and Misrule held high Carnival through the land.

When the Conservatives have done declaiming against the tyranny of our government as vented upon the person of Jefferson Davis, let them pause a moment. Let them catch the murmered voices, borne upon the winds, of the six hundred thousand refugees who passed northward by way of Cairo

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law, by inflicting severe penalties on any freedman who shall have left his employer, and section 9 on subjects those who shall feed or shelter the famished fugitive, from suspicion, it may be, to severe penalties also.

In Georgia it was found necessary to abolish "whipping and branding" as legal punishments. Whipping and branding, countenanced by State laws, in the nineteenth Century.

By enactments in South Carolina, "any person may arrest a colored man and take him before a Magistrate, but the arrest of a white man requires a warrant."

In Florida, in 1866 Pillories, Stocks, and the whipping post were set in motion of the execution of law. In Texas, a colored man is permitted to testify only, where one of his own race, is a party to the suit.

Such are samples of the flagrant ways of a loyal and patriotic class, which compelled Congress, in justice to those who had fought under our flag, to take measures which would be effectual as a remedy for these arbitrary and unjust enactments. And in full view of the facts as they occurred, and of the outrages committed upon a defenseless people,

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Of the two hundred and fifty thousand who perished from the sea coasts. Of the other thousands, whose bones bleach in the glens of the mountains, where the negro-hounds hunted them as prey. Of the tens of thousands forced into their armies, to fight and fall, in opposition to principle, and at the point of the bayonet: And when this grim array of skeletons, with its long train of human misery, has defiled before their mental vision, let them bear in mind the existence of a Power on high, which will judge between the merits of the "Lost Cause", and the gained one.

Commend me, to the tyranny of our Congress, rather than the tender mercies of theirs.

The fourth proposition is —

4 in That the action of Congress in granting suffrages to the Freedmen, is without constitutional authority.

This involves in the nature of the case not a denial of right to free the slave. To refute this, I refer you to Constitution sec 8, par 10. "Congress shall have power to declare war; grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water. As you

Sec 8 par 10 Const-itution

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Law from the Miss Statutes, and extract from a bill proposing to confer civil rights. but which really took away many rights previously enjoyed. See 1st provides that where "any freedman has falsely, and maliciously caused the arrest and trial of said white person or persons. the Court shall render such a judgement against said freedman for all costs of the case, and impose a fine not to exceed fifty dollars, and imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed twenty days. and for a failure of said freedman to pay, - - The Sheriff of the County is hereby authorized, and required after giving ten days public notice, to proceed to hire out at public outcry, at the Court-house of the County. Said freedman, for the shortest time necessary to discharge said freedman from all costs, fines; and said fees aforesaid.

Miss Statutes

This, bear in mind applies to State Cases where the Freedman is a plaintiff. on behalf of the State.

Section 1st of another act - provides that the discharged Soldier shall not be allowed to keep his weapons, and authorizes any white man to take him of this portion of his property, and retain it for his own use. Section 8th of the vagrant act virtually reestablishes the fugitive slave

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are well aware, the general rules governing Captures, govern also Surrenders.

The Conqueror being clothed with powers to dispose of the Captured or surrendered Party as he may deem fit. Hence, in passing from the condition of a Slave, to that of a Prisoner of war, the Freedom of the Negro became a legitimate bequest from the Captor. In evidence I quote from the Letters of Thomas Jefferson a Slaveholder, written to Dr Gordon, during the Revolution. Speaking of his losses by Cornwallis, he says "He destroyed all my growing corn and tobacco, burned all my barns he used, as was to be expected, all my stock of cattle, sheep, and hogs for the subsistence of his army; and carried off also all the horses, capable of service. He carried off also about thirty Slaves. Had this been to give them freedom, he would have done right.

Jeffersons Letters

Witness here the Great Statesman. The unselfish Patriot. Himself a personal sufferer, yet avowing emphatically that to carry off the Slave in time of war and give him freedom, would be just and right.' Such is the venerable authority of our government on this branch of the Subject. But again. During the

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on certain of the Colored men, the legislature took no action in regard to the matter.

Georgia, Alabama South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, all were organized under similar provisions but in no case, was an effort made, nor a suggestion offered, leading to a conformation with the expressed desire of the Executive, by any of the State legislatures of these States.

In the face of such a wide accumulation of positive evidence, of an unwillingness to conform to the requirements of the Constitution, on the part of the States, How was it possible for Congress to do less than act on the responsibility of the Federal Government; and insure to a large proportion of the population of the South, their natural and just rights in the body politic? It was a forced measure; forced by the stubbornness of the State Legislatures forced by a stern necessity for action, to protect loyal men from injustice.

What was the nature of the laws enacted by the legislatures of '65? How did these majestic assemblages of disinterested patriots propose to reward men who had fought under the banners of their country, on many a score of hard won battle fields? I read

last Florida war, Numbers of runaway Negroes were taken Prisoners with the Indians whom they had joined. These were claimed of Gen Jackson, the Commanding officer of our forces, by their former Masters, as Slaves. He refused to give them up; declaring that as Prisoners of war alone must they be dealt with. and that usages of Civilized Warfare, forbade the selling or reenslaving of Captives into slavery. His action was approved by the government; and the Negroes were sent West of the Mississippi with the Tribes which they had joined. If we needed further evidence it would be furnished in the suggestion of Gen Lee to the Confederate Congress, to grant freedom to such Negroes as would enlist in its Armies. assuming their Constitutional authority to grant such freedom.

2 Now for the granting of Passports.
In support of my position, I will again refer you to Art 4 sect 4. of the Constitution.

Art 4 sect 4 "The United States shall guarantee to every State a Republican form of Government."

In a Republican form of government the population is composed of two Classes. Aliens, and Citizens. The Freedmen are not aliens, having been born in the Country. Therefore they are Citizens. They were in

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actual possession, and enjoyment; or the right of acquisition and enjoyment, of an entire equality of privileges, civil and political."

Thus a judgement which denies Citizenship to the slave, addresses argument to show that as a Citizen he must be entitled to "entire equality of privileges, civil, and political" As a Citizen, the Article of the Constitution before quoted, requires that Congress shall, if necessary, guarantee to him suffrages.

To show the necessity existing for such action as Congress has taken in the premises, permit me to briefly review some of the acts of the provisional State Governments of-

Holden Gov Holden of North Carolina, thus designates the qualifications of voters for delegates to the Convention in that State. "No person will be allowed to vote, who is not a voter, qualified as prescribed in the Constitution and laws of the State in force immediately before the second day of May 1861." Thus reverting to the old slave Code, in limitation of the right of suffrage. The Legislature of that State, subsequently convened, did nothing toward changing the law. Gov Sharkey of Miss Sharkey issued a proclamation of similar import. And although it was suggested in a letter written by President Johnson that the elective franchise be conferred

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fact; though not by law, citizens before the war; for they partially counted in the basis of your representation. Now, as Free men, they are entitled to full political privileges. Hamilton, in the Hamilton edition of the Federalist, No 54, says

"It is only under the pretext, that the laws have transferred the Negroes into subjects of property, that a place is disputed them in the computation of numbers. And it is admitted, that if the laws were to restore the rights which have been taken away, the Negroes could no longer be refused an equal share of representation, with the other inhabitants." Such is the exposition of National law, by Alexander Hamilton at a time when Slavery was at its height of power. The exigency of which he speaks has come upon us. The laws have restored the rights of the Negro, which had been taken away. Therefore is he entitled to the right of suffrage.

Furthermore, Judge Taney, in the opinion on the Dred Scott Case, says this.

Dred Scott Case "There is not, it is believed, to be found in the theories of writers on government, or in any actual experiment, heretofore tried, an exposition of the terms Citizen, which has not been considered as conferring the

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settled as to position. but the place will be sufficiently changeable to suit even such a nomad as you are. If you ever come east again do come & see me, for "auld lang syne". I am still at my fathers. & my life has in no wise changed since I wrote you last. My little boy is eight years old. but can not walk a step. or even stand. He is as bright & intelligent as any child, & very sweet & lovable but oh, such a care. It is beginning tell upon me & I am growing thin & old & careworn. & losing my courage & energy most sadly. Now do not cast this letter aside as wholly worthless because it fails to give you the desired information. but give me a little of your spare time, again. for writing is not a task to you & I shall be so glad to hear from you. I hope you are enjoying good health & a good share of the good things of life. Dont forget me, as I shall not you.

Yours with love.

Mrs. J. Ewall Reed.

Dorchester Mass Jan 25th/69.

My dear friend.

I do not think you will be much astonished, if I tell you that I was more than amazed at the reception of your letter. though very much pleased indeed to hear from you again. I am very glad that matters of business should prove so important as to induce you to spare a little of your time for my benefit. I am very sorry that I can not be of benefit to you in the matter of enlistment. I have looked every where among the few army papers that fell into my possession, but do not find a single enlistment rolls. I can find nothing that will throw any light whatever upon the matter. & I am very sorry, for I think you will be disappointed. I have never had them. I am very sure, for I have not destroyed a single paper that was in any manner connected with my husband.

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I have neither pay nor enlistment roll, among my possessions, & what became of them, I am sure I can not tell. I do not think Capt. Reed kept them himself - but that they were with the other company papers in the hands of the Orderly Sergeant. I have not heard a word from Armstrong since he left, nor do I hear from a single member of the Co. at present. Why should you think any of the rest would correspond with me when you have been so remiss? I did hear from a few of them at first - but I suppose they have gradually become cooled & interested in various other matters that they do not find time to write me. I know it is not my fault, for I should be glad enough to do or hear from any of them. I have heard of the death of only one, Henry Fillebrown, though for aught I know, there may have been others. From these facts it may perhaps seem to you, as it does to me, simply impossible to gather any record or biography of the various members of the Co. though such record would be exceeding interesting & valuable. I do not know that such a thing has been attempted by any member of any company & it would take from its very novelty - but to accomplish it with any degree of truth seems impossible, knowing so little as we do of the whereabouts of any of them. I am very, very glad to know where you are, & can you tell me any thing of your mother & brothers & sisters. I wrote them last, but it was a long time ago, & I dont know where to address any of them now. Can you tell me? Will you not write me again & tell me a little more definitely about yourself. I would like to know if you are married, & something of your manner of life. I suppose now you have joined the regular army, you are

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Received Gazo City Mon Nov. 25th 1867, of U. C. Doane, three promissory notes, of $967.89/100. due in one, two, and three years, and drawing 10 pr cent interest, which, when fully paid will discharge all debts and liabilities, now due from him to me.

Alex Huggins U S

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