

against the Senator of the United

that in these parishes where large bodies of bailiffs and troops were thus used, the intimidation was such that several thousand voters were prevented from attending at the polls and voting on the day of election. These

a peradventure by abundant testimony. They are recounted here, not because I have fondness for dwelling on such nauseating details, but to exhibit the evils which must have been anticipated

by the framers of the constitution when they placed this prohibition in that instrument. I submit to the General Assembly, and to my other fellow-citizens of the State, whether any other interpretation can be placed upon the article than this: That no member of Congress or Federal officerholder is

capable of being a lawful candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or is capable of being legally voted for as such, and whether all voters cast for

candidates thus notoriously ineligible are not null and void, and in a legal sense incapable of being counted.—With this interpretation, the article has a meaning which recent events have dispelled with a painful exactness.

while with the other interpretation, namely, that it simply intends that no one shall hold the two positions at once, it is well nigh meaningless, being reduced to a prohibition of an act which no law maker would anticipate and no sane man attempt. And now these conspirators, having been defeated at the polls in spite of their extraordinary plans, seek to nullify the voice of the people by instituting a suit in equity in the circuit of the United States

against the State of Louisiana, the Governor of the State being made a principal defendant as Governor, and it being intended by the bill to restrain

him from performing certain acts as Governor, and to compel him to perform certain other acts as Governor. They have procured the United States Attorney as a solicitor to file the bill. They have, in utter shamelessness, tried to hold out to the judge before whom, as Chancellor, the bill is pending, that they were framed by the Legislature.

telegrams from Washington, to the effect that an unexpected vacancy in the Supreme Court of the United States

may be filed by an appointment from this part of the country, and publishing these pretended dispatches several times in their official organ. They have filed in the case several thousand affidavits, so-called, made on forms

printed by the United States marshal in New Orleans, and scattered broadcast throughout the State; and now filled up and signed chiefly with the marks of unknown persons, who say they did not vote at the late election.

The process by which the United States Senator expected to seize possession of the State Government, after having been defeated in the election, was through an injunction in the prayer

for which he falsely swore that it was the intention of the Governor and the returning officers to mutilate and destroy the election returns, and as falsely swore that the proceeding was a

necessary preliminary to the suit which he intended to bring. The fact was that the returns conclusively proved his defeat, and his object was to obtain such orders from the District

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