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OUR DUTY.

The Republican party is the party of peace and good will to all men.

It advocates equal laws, equal justice, and universal education.

It opposes itself to lawlessness; to brutality; to the spirit of caste; to the spirit which enslaved slavery while it lasted, and would manumit free thought and free speech now that slavery is dead.

It seeks to promote Louisiana on the broad basis of its principles; and it is sure to succeed, for those principles have their foundation on truth and religion.

In opposition to our doctrines our adversaries have only their daily appeals to prejudice, to the spirit of caste, to those inhuman feelings which are characteristic rather of barbarism than of civilization.

It would gratify them exceedingly if they could induce the Republicans of this state, and especially of this city, in the coming elections to depart from their law-abiding and peaceful methods of political competition and adopt the weapons of fraud and force which have been so freely used in this state in times which are past.

Nothing would please them better than to provoke collisions and then raise the cry that the trouble was "the work of the radicals."

To this end they have already begun with abuse, with taunts and sneers, with ingenious appliances of calumny which they think calculated to irritate and excite.

In some of the country parishes, as in Sabine and St. Tammany and De Soto, they have threatened and even employed actual violence, in the hope of intimidating the weak or expediting the strong.

In these hopes they must and will be disappointed. The loyal and true Republicans of Louisiana understand their rights, and propose to exercise them as law-abiding men who are in the right always and with firmness, yet with peacefulness. They will not be intimidated, but on the other hand they will not permit themselves to be expiated.

The first great election in Louisiana under the system of equal suffrage must be made as orderly, as fair, and so dignified as to refute distinctly the theory of our opponents that equal suffrage has been too hastily conferred.

It must be made especially to disappoint the base men who would rejoice in tumult and riot. We must make it a scene which will delight the friends of freedom and shame her foes.

Republicans of Louisiana, it is no idle figure of rhetoric to say that the eyes of the country are upon us.

The good men and true of the whole land are watching us with eager interest in the hope that our conduct during this contest will vindicate the value and justice of impartial suffrage.

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Our duty is clear. Let us gratify the good and disappoint the bad.

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WARMOOTH AND TALLAFERRA.

The rank is tough, there is no doubt, the rebel journals are openly advocating the election of J. G. Tallaferra for governor against H. C. Warmoth, the candidate of the Republican party.

We have heretofore published the indorsement which the New Orleans Tribune gives to the latter's ticket. The New Orleans Tribune, of the 10th instant says:

Warmoth is the essential radical candidate. He is the chosen instrument of the congressional reconstructionists.

It is so to be hoped that the opponents of the constitution will vote for Judge Tallaferra, and thus assure the defeat of carpet-baggers in Louisiana.

Could Judge Warmoth possibly receive stronger indorsements than that he "is the essential radical candidate" and "the chosen instrument" of a loyal congress? and could Tallaferra possibly receive a stronger condemnation than that he is indorsed and supported by the rebel opponents of the new constitution?

TWO BUREAUX.

We have in our state a bureau of immigration which spends \$10,000 per annum in encouraging people to come to Louisiana and set up their household gods.

We have a bureau of copperhead journals in the state which devotes its columns chiefly to vulgar abuse of all new-comers as such.

The bureau of immigration is an excellent institution, if rightly managed, but the bureau of copperhead journals is trying hard to defeat it. On the seventeenth and eighteenth of this month, however, we hope to administer a coup de grace to the copperhead party, and then the tide of immigration and wealth will begin to set in.

HEADQUARTERS RADICAL REPUBLICAN PARTY, No. 12 Bayou Road, New Orleans, April 11, 1868.

DEAR SIR: Your attention is earnestly directed to the fact that by the orders of the military commander but one ballot can be cast by each voter at the coming election, which must contain the names of all candidates—state, parish, and municipal—for which the elector desires to vote.

In voting, therefore, for parish and municipal officers, be particular to make the ballot tickets carefully and firmly to the tickets for the constitution, state officers, and members of congress, which have already been distributed.

Where it is possible, it would be well to have new tickets printed, containing "for the constitution," and all the names of all the candidates on one piece of paper.

Respectfully,  
S. B. PACKARD,  
Chairman Committee.

DONALD BURNETT, Secretary.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS, State of Louisiana, New Orleans, April 11, 1868.

In the election orders of the general commanding the fifth military district for the election of civil officers and for the ratification of the constitution it is provided that electors registered in the state who have lost their certificates of registration may vote by presenting their affidavits, setting forth the parish or district in which they were registered, the fact of the loss of their certificates, and that they have resided in the election precinct where they offer to vote for the period of ten days next preceding the seventeenth day of April, 1868, and that they have not voted before at said election.

S. B. PACKARD, Chairman.

H. C. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

We refer our readers to a letter from Cottingham published to-day. The writer is a reliable gentleman, so well known in this city that the entire correctness of his statement can not be doubted. The candidate of Sabine, and De Soto and several other parishes have been the objects of his noble endeavor, and it is for this reason that the rebels and the renegade main stem, but for the same reason the true Union men at the state levee here, have chosen him as standard bearer, and will elect him.

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TO THE COLORED VOTERS OF LOUISIANA.

Colored men of Louisiana—The greatest hour of your life is at hand! All that is left to you in this world, is to strive, if you fall to do your duty now, the stars and seat of the next twenty-five years can not wait out the error.

On the seventeenth and eighteenth days of April will be held the state, parish, and city elections. At this election you will be called upon to ratify the new Constitution. That constitution is your political Bible. By its provisions all your rights as men and citizens are secured to you. It makes you the sovereign equal of any and every white man in Louisiana. It declares that you and your children shall never be slaves again. It gives you the right of franchise and TERM INTEREST. It opens to you all places of public amusement, and gives you equal rights on all steamboats and railroad cars. By that constitution you may be elected to any office in the state; you may be armed and equipped as a part of the state militia, and your children may attend any public school in the state.

But you must vote for this constitution or you can not enjoy these rights. Remember that your old masters, the Democrats, do not offer you any kind of a constitution. They are opposed to your voting, and will do all they can to defeat the constitution which offers you so many blessings. Do not vote the ticket which they say so, you say YES, and the constitution will be ratified, the state will be saved, and you will have all your rights.

The adoption of this constitution will bring prosperity to Louisiana. Our lives will be rebuilt; Northern men will come with money and settle among us; and the rich men of the North will invest their funds in the lands and trade of our state. You will then obtain higher wages for your labor, and in a short time you will be rich enough to buy a little farm. And in the possession of your property you will be protected by well organized courts and by a powerful militia force composed of Union men.

To secure the adoption of such a constitution it is your duty to make any sacrifice. You may live far from the polls, but if necessary make a journey miles to vote for so many rights. Your employer may threaten to discharge you if you leave off work to go to vote, but pay no attention to his threats, go and vote.

It will be better for you to have a consultation which will bring you to some rights and blessings than to save a few dollars now. Your present loss will be your future gain. Do not be alarmed by threats of violence. Vote quietly to the polls and vote, and no one will do you harm. Do not fail to take your registration papers with you on the day of election, and if any of you have not registered, go at once and get your papers.

Colored men of Louisiana, you are in the majority in this state. You are Emancipated strong. If you all vote one way the constitution will be adopted, but your greatest danger is you may divide among yourselves, and if you do, it is lost. In your Union there is Strength. All vote one way.

There are two state tickets in the field. One is the ticket nominated by the state nominating convention of the Radical Republican party, composed of delegates whom you helped to elect, and headed by H. C. Warmoth and O. J. Dunn, and the other is composed of men who have come out as candidates without any nomination, and is headed by J. G. Tallaferra and F. K. Dimas, both of whom have been slaveholders. The ticket headed by H. C. Warmoth and O. J. Dunn is supported by the whole Republican party of Louisiana. The ticket headed by J. G. Tallaferra and F. K. Dimas is supported by the Rebels, Copperheads, and Conservatives, and all who oppose the Republican ticket.

These two tickets are the only ones that can possibly be elected. Either Judge Warmoth or Judge Tallaferra will be elected, unless the rebels shall put out another candidate. All kinds of tricks will be tried to deceive you, and you must be watchful and wise. If you vote for any other candidate for governor than Judge Warmoth or Judge Tallaferra your vote will be thrown away, for he can not possibly be elected, and between these two you can not but vote for Judge Warmoth. All Republicans vote for H. C. Warmoth and O. J. Dunn