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stitutions, and a public expense of twenty

million per year, and a true tax when

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people, but a principle of our Govern-

ment, that I feel to be the duty of

every citizen, and I think this order

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tending to show the impracticability of

supplying the country with money by

the issue of currency, thereby absorbing

the interest bearing bonds, which, if not

disposed of, would mean the ruin of the

present policy, must inevitably bankrupt

the country.

Intimately connected with this subject

is the question of expenditures by the

Government.

Military districts have been constructed

in open violation of the organic law, and

every citizen, but without this order

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manders who are naturally repulsive to

the people of their districts. These com-

manders are paid a salary of \$10,000

per year, and are invested with a large

political contingent fund, and are in-

cluded in all the expenses of the

Government. They are, in fact, the

most hated despots in the most

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It is true the people of the South are

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part of the officials of the Government

and to be converted to the political

as their kindred, will be compelled to

acknowledge the impolicy of our race

and our inability to maintain self-govern-

ment. The friends of the Constitution

are unprepared in the history of

nations. But time will not permit me

to refer to facts and figures in detail. It

is sufficient to say that it is an in-

correctible error, that these details are

increasing instead of diminishing, and

the past cannot be changed. There can

be no remedy except by the action of

officials.

I have referred briefly to these impor-

tant facts as indicative of my reasons for

my present position.

But there are two other matters I deem

of still more importance. One is the

tendency to deny the right to a fair and

impartial trial for crimes by jury.

It is true that this threatened evil is

yet in its infancy, but precedents by the

highest authority have been established, and

as long as these precedents remain un-

reversed, it is impossible to maintain the

integrity of political retaliation.

There can be no excuse for the violation

of the legal rights of citizens.

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