

~~only enough loyal magistrates left in~~
~~Counties to administer the law that the courts~~
~~are virtually destroyed. It is a rule that one the~~
~~very men who administered ^{confederate} justice in~~
~~the same positions during the war. The effect~~
~~of this in preventing loyal men from ^{even} applying for re-~~
~~dress is readily perceivable.~~

~~W. B.~~

~~By the acts of the ^{Confederate} ~~Constitution and~~ ~~legislation, the courts~~
~~are rendered ~~useless~~ for the redress of any~~
~~grievances or atrocities perpetrated upon Union~~
~~Men, deserters, or Anscrypts during the war. It~~
~~is even ~~not~~ unnecessary to plead ~~special~~ orders from a~~
~~Confederate officer ~~in~~, in order to avail themselves~~
~~of the protecting power of ~~the act~~ ^{their legislation} ~~of~~ ^{always} ~~all~~ citizens be-~~
~~longed by law to the militia and as both Confed-~~
~~erate and State Governments repeatedly ordered~~
~~citizens and militia to apprehend deserters, anscrypts~~
~~&c, at any time or place, it is held that the act~~
~~passed ^{to} ~~to~~ screen Confederate officers and soldiers from~~~~

The consequences of acts committed in obedience to orders, covers all possible acts of all citizens belonging to any military organization or even acting as separate and distinct individuals if ~~not~~ ^{of suitable age for militia service} ~~not~~ ^{as against Union men however} the law is ~~more severe~~ ^{strictly construed by the courts} the slightest infraction of law by a conscript flying to our lines by a deserter starving in his cave or rotting in his little burrow, is sure to meet with speedy retribution. ^{Though the law is to be strictly construed} Did a man resist a conscript officer unto death, it is murder. ~~Did~~ a conscript officer arrest women and children and keep them exposed for forty hours in a fierce storm ~~and~~ without food and subjected to the grossest ~~misconduct~~ ^{indignities} producing the death of some and perilling the life of others - it is done in obedience to Military Authority, and the rebel goes ~~unpunished~~ ^{unpunished}. In short in all acting whose cause accrued during the war, there is plenty

of law against the Union man, but none for
him.

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~~the idea~~ of resistance to our government and
 keeping alive the hope of Southern independence
 their object is to monopolize all places of trust
 and power, preserve the exclusiveness of the
 South and ~~at~~ ^{at} the proper time, when some
 hopes for freedom may ^{divide} ~~separate~~ the people of the
 North, the South ~~will~~ ^{shall} again throw her
 sword into the scale and achieve her ~~purpose~~ ^{long cherished}

discussing purpose

~~purpose~~. Loyal men are taunted and
 threatened in private ~~conversations~~ ^{intercourse} in
 public ~~gatherings~~ ^{assemblies} and through the press,
 Rebels are confident, arrogant and insult-
 ing. Union men are depressed and fear-
 ful. ~~Freedom~~ ~~thought~~ in ~~any~~ ~~section~~ ~~is~~ ~~treated~~
~~very~~ ~~fairly~~ ~~the~~ ~~in~~ ~~unjust~~ ~~and~~ ~~unpleasant~~
 ting of ~~Confederate~~ ~~employees~~. ~~They~~ ~~are~~ ~~dis-~~
~~satisfied~~ ~~with~~ ~~their~~ ~~position~~ ~~because~~ ~~it~~ ~~con-~~
~~fers~~ ~~upon~~ ~~them~~ ~~no~~ ~~rights~~, ~~and~~ ~~gives~~ ~~them~~
~~no~~ ~~security~~, ~~protection~~

~~only~~ ~~remains~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ and there they
are flocking by ~~thousands~~. ~~The~~ ~~majority~~
men in the state ~~are~~ ~~less~~
~~than~~ ~~three~~ ~~thousand~~ ~~in~~ ~~March~~
~~last~~, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~next~~ ~~three~~ ~~months~~ ~~will~~
~~see~~ ~~a~~ ~~still~~ ~~greater~~ ~~depletion~~ ~~of~~ ~~man~~
~~power~~, ~~which~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~loss~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
~~North~~ ~~to~~ ~~an~~ ~~incalculable~~ ~~degree~~
of ~~its~~ ~~reputation~~ ~~and~~ ~~support~~. ~~Resolutions~~
~~signed~~ ~~by~~ ~~hundreds~~ ~~of~~ ~~citizens~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Pres-~~
~~ident~~ ~~are~~ ~~returned~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~organ~~
~~ization~~ ~~to~~ ~~ascertain~~ ~~the~~ ~~truth~~ ~~and~~
~~to~~ ~~ascertain~~ ~~the~~ ~~truth~~. ~~Without~~
~~protection~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~past~~ ~~or~~ ~~protection~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~
~~present~~ ~~and~~ ~~future~~ there is no hope but ~~only~~
hope for ~~the~~ ~~protection~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~action~~ ~~of~~ ~~congress~~, ~~inspired~~
~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~action~~ ~~and~~ ~~success~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~convention~~. ~~We~~
~~regard~~ ~~it~~ ~~as~~ ~~our~~ ~~first~~ ~~duty~~ ~~if~~ ~~the~~ ~~con-~~
~~vention~~ ~~take~~ ~~no~~ ~~action~~ ~~upon~~ ~~this~~, ~~to~~ ~~call~~
~~important~~ ~~measures~~, ~~there~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~an~~ ~~en-~~
~~crease~~ ~~of~~ ~~loss~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~state~~ ~~during~~ ~~the~~
~~next~~ ~~three~~ ~~months~~ ~~which~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~of~~ ~~great~~
~~importance~~ ~~at~~ ~~least~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~west~~.

~~#5~~ committed a few years ago
a white man who stole property to the a-
rmy
~~with the property~~
with ~~the~~ in possession a few of them.

Effects of these things upon the

The depressing influence of these things upon the
Union men of the ~~South~~ is something sick-
ening to contemplate. Bowed down and crush-
ed by the foul weight of Rebellion for ~~four~~
years, ~~and now~~ ^{they are} still further humiliated by the
stinging taunt - "See what your friends
have done for you, ~~they~~ ^{they} have given up all
the power and left you more completely at
their mercy than you were during the
war." ~~They~~ ^{we} cannot deny the truth of the taunt
and with ~~still~~ ^{to} heavy hearts, ~~they~~ ^{we} look
forward to complete submission to these
men who have been raised over ~~us~~ ^{us} by the
government ~~they~~ ^{we} have been true to during so
many years of suffering, ~~and~~ ^{unless its} ~~its~~ ^{its}
~~assimilation or~~ ~~for~~ ~~some~~ ~~is~~ ~~inter-~~
posed in our behalf -

The only refuge is - without feeling for the present
and future there is no hope but in exile.

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Already many of our best men and
and worthy citizens
Men are all loyal that they have at
any sacrifice to procure money to
ble them to leave a ~~country~~ ^{country}, where they
have lost all hope of protection from
government and all power to ~~protect~~ ^{protect}
themselves - During the continuation
of the war, rebels feared that punishment
would be meted out to them for wrongs
done to true men, should they fail in
their ~~object~~ ^{object}. This fear was a ~~sort~~ of pro-
tection to Unionists, especially during
1864 & 65 - Now every thing, government &
tatsen away for ~~them~~ ^{your persecutors} are the vice-
gerents of the national power at the
South. The Union man is discar-
ed and abjured. He has nothing to do
he has no resort, but to ~~submit~~ ^{submit} or
~~fly the state~~. He has to look forward
to a life of continual persecution
for himself and poverty and serfdom for his
children - The free ^{North} offers the

There must be notes of
a speech in 1866 -
probably that given
in Philadelphia
some time thereafter

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