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out immense quantities of freshly spawned are unborn. Projecting his cheat for- denied that this majority was made up chosen by the people. nsu in April and May. The well is ward by this contrivance and operating capped, having three two-inch apertures, from one of which people were in the habit of filling barrels with water for the world would have vielded to the made in persetuan reignature.

Another question arises here, which sible. But they may have conscientious-proof of corruption to invalidate the proof of corruption to invalidate the lessures are less than the field. The vote was regularly taken and the Muse of History may answer at her leisures is there any justification of Gen. They may have been prompted the vote of a State for his candidate. habit of filling barrels with water for household uses. In that way the fish were discovered. The cap was removed, and solution of carpet-bag fish were discovered as a feet way the fish were sincerely anxious and were sincerely anxious to save it from Tilden's reform fish were ejected in large numbers. In a bucketful one-fourth of the weight of the contents was fish. The fish are of various the largest the largest

ceeds to depict the condition of affairs in caused solely by the want of an honest the State of Louisiana previous to the government. Presidential election. First, he describes

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FURNISHING GOODS, including all the groes to serve as decoys for the rest, and backed by the power of the general Government could be accepted by the power of the general Government could be accepted.

all elections or else prevented elections was invented.

tunity to do them injury.

themselves without let or hindrance. on the market and sold them for what ident and Vice-President. her limits, and still has a debt of equal sented. This was at first thought to be Congress to investigate the subject, and eral conflagration, sweeping over all the

mother, the reports'of committees sent by his place. curse of such a Government.

his felonious fingers are made long enough tually on hand to tumble them out of Wells. Perjury and subornation of perto reach into the pockets of posterity; he | their hall.

infuriated by popular passion, often comes appointment made by the people should of the fact that the election machinery of plausible that Kellogg and Wells must The Electoral Conspiracy. infuriated by popular passion, often comes appointment made by the people should of the State was in the hands of mere knaves have chuckled with delight when they to its victims in a fearful shape. Disor- be mutilated and changed so as to make the State was in the hands of mere knaves have chuckled with delight when they ders, therefore, there must have been, it appear as if electors for Hayes and who were just base enough to do it; and heard them. One argument very serious-In the North American Review for July, and bloodshed and violence, and loss of Wheeler had been chosen. They pretend these were Gen. Grant's own knaves, by urged was that it would be trouble-Judge Jeremiah S. Black appears as the life, though they are not enumerated, or ded to believe that violence and intimi- whom for years he had kept in their some, and require a great deal of time, to contributor of an article entitled "The clearly described in the reports. It is dation had frightened the African Hayes | places by lawless force. It was then that ascertain who was duly appointed by the Electoral Conspiracy," which is by all knewn that bands of "regulators" tra- | men from the polls, and that their cow- he said no man could afford to be Presi- people. It was much easier to accept odds the most complete, eloquent, and versed many parts of the State, and the ardice ought to be visited, in the form of dent by a fraud, and sent a committee to the false vote and say no more about it. scathing exposure that has yet been made fact is established that seven of the store- disfranchisement, on the heads of others see that a true count was made. This To decide how many and what persons of the fraud by which Rutherford B. Hayes houses used as places of receiving stolen who had intrepidity enough to perform was fair-seeming enough, but he did not got certificates from the Returning Board was foisted into the Presidential chair, goods were burnt to the ground in one political duty. It was made not only row the way he was looking. Every one was a short and simple process; but to We regret that our space will not permit night. The officers of the carpet-bag without evidence to sustain it, but in the of his committee favored the fraud, and push the inquiry behind that -to inquire us to reprint it in full, and that we must government "cared for none of these face of overwhelming proof to the con- their report, which he endorsed and sent whether the certificate was honest, to confine ourselves to the most striking things." They saw the struggle between trary. All the places of registration and to Congress was a defence of it from be- look for the evidence which would show larceny and Lynch law with as much in- voting were guarded by the creatures of ginning to end. He had supported and who were duly appointed-hie labor hoc After briefly adverting to the indigon- difference as Gallio looked upon the con- the Federal and State administrations, enforced frauds of the same kind several opus est. The seven reminded the eight, tion felt by honest men throughout the troversy between the Jewish synagogue superintendents, commissioners, deputy times before, and now his troops were at but reminded them in vain, that the due country at the great outrage upon the and the Christian church at Ephesus. marshals, and soldiers, and all of these New Orleans avowedly to protect the appointment which nobody in the world rights of the people, Judge Black pro- This horrible condition of society was with one voice said that the elections carpet-baggers while they were repeating except the people, had the least right to

carpet-baggers themselves and their spe- tised. No sensible person ever gave money to that State after the election- they were pledged and sworn by the mere The people would not have been whole cial friends are worthy of any credence at credit to it for a moment. Notwithstan- troops and money to count the votes—he inconvenience of performing it. Besides, ly crushed, either by the soldier or the all. They testify to numerous other ding much mental anxiety about the re- declared in one of his despatches that the eight knew very well that there was negro, if both had not been used to fas- murders, wanton, unprovoked, and atro- sult, various reasons combined to make the President had been consulted. Still no difficulty in it, it was but looking ten upon them the domination of another | cious, committed with impunity under the | the election in Louisiana probably the further, while his party in Congress were at the record of the appointment as the class of persons whose rule was altogether very eyes of their Government. Gen. Sher- most quiet and undisturbed in the Union. holding up the fraud, he answered the ar- people made it up; they could read it as unendurable. These we call carpet-bag- idan says he collected a list of 4,000 assassigers, not because the word is descriptive nations perpetrated within three years. faith of the carpet-baggers and their aldering to the capital all the cavalry, ardie; the honesty of the case was as easily or euphonious, but because they have no Senator Sherman and his associates of the lies. If the evidence concerning its mem- tillery, and infantry within reach, seen as the fraud. But no persuasion other name whereby they are known visiting committee swell this number bers be rightly reported by the investi- Whether these circumstances be sufficient | could influence them to cast even a glance Goods ordered will be sent by Express to among the children of men. They were greatly, and add that "half the State was any part of the country.

Whether these circumstances be suincient could influence them to cast even a grance or not to convict him of participation in at the actual appointment. What did unprincipled adventurers, who sought overrun with violence." No effort was be the history of their previous lives. unprincipled adventurers, who sought overrun with violence." No effort was by the history of their previous lives, fraud, let the world judge. their fortunes in the South by plundering made to repress these disorders or pun- noted and signed to do any deed of But how was the object of the conspi- for? Why was this great combination of a substantial guarantee as to the character of the Goods they will send out. A large and well assorted stock of the character of a substantial guarantee as to the character of the Goods they will send out. A large and well assorted stock of the character of the camp followers; many were fugitives from Norththe disarmed and defenceless people; ish the criminals. Nobody was hung, shame which might be required at their racy to be accomplished? The House of learning and statecraft set up? Accordlowers; many were fugitives from North- the awful average of about four every of that bad lot; a defaulter to the State in some form or another, the Senate could tween the parties, but merely to declare ern justice; the best ef them were those day, and the public officers quietly as- of long standing, without character for not give effect to a false count. The first that the Returning Boards had certified who went down after peace, ready for any sented to let "the rifle, the knife, the pis- integrity or veracity, and for thirty years intention was to claim that the President for the Hayes electors; which everybody deed of shame that was safe and profit- tol, and the rope do their horrid work" able. These combining with a few treach- without interruption. Are such men fit erous "scalawags" and some leading ne- to govern a free State? "Fit to govern! ly bad; he had earned it in part by aid- votes should be counted and what not. decide who were duly appointed—then

The wretched system of carpet-bag fraudulent job upon the State, and tak- Mr. Conklin took it up, and, in a speech splendid abortion, because, among other ernment, became the strongest body of government could not possibly last. From thieves that ever pillaged a people. Their the first it had no real support. The na- Of the two mulattoes, one was indicted and reduced it to invisible atoms. It be- it anything else. moral grade was far lower, and yet they tive people and the honest immigrants, for larceny, and, after admitting his came settled, therefore, that the two But the commission, following the lead were much more powerful, than the rob- who went there for purposes of legitiber bands that infested Germany after the mate business, held it in abhorrence, and close of the Thirty Years' war. They swarmed over all the States from the Pothat it was a sham and a snare. As eartomac to the Gulf, and settled in hordes, ly as 1870, and before that, the handnot with intent to remain there, but mere- writing was seen on the wall which anly to feed on the substance of a prostrate | nounced that a large and decisive maand defenceless people. They took what- jority of all the votes, black and white, ever came within their reach, intruded had determined to break up this den of themselves into all private corporations, thieves. They must therefore prepare for assumed the functions of all offices, in- light or punishment, unless they could cluding the courts of Justice, and in ma- contrive a way of defeating the popular however "generous and ample." Wells, of the count and proclaim the election of required by act of Congress, it would not ny places they even "run the churches." will whenever and however it should be By force and traud they either controlled expressed. Then the Returning Board

from being held. They returned sixty of This was a machine entirely new, with themselves to one Congress, and ten or powers never before given to any tribu- English, means this: "There's millions difficult circumstances that a mixed com- this, in regard to those States, gave the twelve of the most ignorant and venal nal many State. Its object was not to in it. See our friends and act promptly. mission of fifteen was proposed, consist- eight a great legal advantage. But they among them were at the same time thrust return, but to suppress, the votes of the Buy us immediately or we will sell out ting of five Senators five Representatives, threw it way, abandoned the attestation into the Senate. This false representa- qualified electors, or change them to suit to the other side. Talk freely to the gen- and five Judges of the Supreme Court. of the Governor as worthless, claimed no tion of a people by strangers and enemies the occasion. By the terms of the law it who had not even a bona fide residence can exclude, suppress, annihilate all the moves." To the bearer of the letter he certain that fourteen would be equally open to contradiction, no matter how among them was the bitterest of all mock- votes of a parish for violence, intimida- explained that it was very hard work to divided between the parties; and as the honestly it may have been given. What eries. There was no show of truth or tion, or fraud, which it finds to have been count in the Republican candidate—the fifth Judge would be named by the con- was the meaning of this phenomenal rulhonor about it. The pretended represen- committed and adjudges to have matetative was always ready to vote for any rially influenced the result of the poll. measure that would oppress and enslave This is judicial authority so broad that he would not take this job without com- them, like a daysman, with a hand as crats asked? It was understood by everyhis so-called constituents; his hostility no court would consent to exercise it was unconcealed, and he lost no oppor- inflicting the fearful penalty of disfranchisement upon thousands at once, with-The agricultural and commercial out a hearing and without legal evidence, authorized his ambassador at Washingwealth of Louisiana made her a strong not for any offence of their own, but for to negotiate with the Republican temptation to the carpet-baggers. Those | the supposed sin of others over whom vultures snuffed the prey from afar; and, they confessedly have no control. Of as soon as the war was over, they swooped course it is in direct conflict with the down upon her in flocks that darkened | State Constitution, which declares that the air. The State was delivered into all judicial power shall be vested in certheir hands by the military authorities; tain ordained and established courts, and but the officers imposed some restraints forbids it to be used even by them, except upon their lawless cupidity. They hailed upon trial before a jury, and conviction with delight the advent of negro suffrage, on the testimony of credible witnesses because to them it was merely a legal- confronted by the accused and cross-exized method of stuffing the ballot-box, amined by counsel. It is, besides, a most and they stuffed it. Thereforth, and insolent affront to the fundamental prindown to a very recent period, they gorged | ciples of all elective government, for it

makes the poll of the people a mere The depredations they committed were | mockery, which decides nothing except frightful. They appropriated, on one what the Returning Board is pleased to pretence and another, whatever they approve, and elects nobody whom the could lay their hands on, and then Returning Board does not graciously pledged to themselves the credit of the favor. Its power to veto a popular vote State for uncounted millions more. The extends to all elections, for every class of public securities ran down to half price, officers, judicial, legislative, ministerial, a protest or statement or change of intiand still they put their fraudulent bonds and executive, including electors of Presthey would fetch. The owners of the The board consisted of five persons. best real estate in town or country were They were originally appointed by a car- charge so attached to the return must be utterly impoverished, because the bur- pet-bag Senate, without end of their dens upon it were heavier than the rents tenure and with power to fill vacancies, zens of the proper parish. would discharge. During the last ten which made them a close corporation and years the city of New Orleans paid in the gave them perpetual succession. To put without the pretence of power to touch form of direct taxes more than the esti- on some show of fairness the law re- the return from any parish or polling mated value of all the property within quired that all parties should be repre- place, except for the purpose of compil-

amount unpaid. It is not likely that met by the appointment of one Demo- By the election law of Louisiana the calculated, but the testimony of the car- crat was got rid of, and the other four, which is not raised by the election offipet baggers themselves against one desiring to work in secret, refused to fill cers than a private individual would This suppressing board did its work authentic, make it safe to say that a gen- known to falter. Since its first organiza- from every one of the Democratic par-State from one end to the other, and de has been decidedly against the carpet- charge, statement, or protest. In all those of personal property, would have been a always intercepted the returns, and so jurisdiction.

The greediest of Roman proconsuls left pet-baggers themselves would not help turning Board must do it; that was what

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were peaceable and free. Indeed, it is them on a large scale. Besides, when make, was the very thing which they literally impossible that any intimida- Chandler promised the fraudulently Gov- were there to find out; and they could But this is not nearly the worst of it, if tion, or violence could have been prac- ernor of Florida to send troops and not be excused from a duty to which

> The personnel of the board justified the guments in favor of Tilden's right by or they fan; the truth was plainer than the regarded as unworthy to be trusted. An- of the Senate had power to determine knew already, and nobody ever denied. derson's character for honesty was equal- absolutely and arbitrarily what electoral If its object was what the law said-to ing while he was a Senator to put up a | This was the great rallying point until | the eight succeeded in making it merely a ing the iniquitous proceeds to himself. of surpassing ability, utterly demolished reasons, it was too much trouble to make guilt, was allowed to escape punishment, Houses must count the votes, and this of counsel for Mr. Hayes, insisted that the and promptly taken into the board. The clearly implied the power to inquire and certificate of the proper State officer other was too ignorant to know his duty, determine what were votes. It could not ought to be regarded as conclusive evibut his testimony showed such indiffer- be denied that the voice of the House of dence of the appointment made by the ence to the obligations of an oath that Representatives was at least as potential people. It is undoubtedly true that the he was deemed as safe for the carpet- as that of the Senators; and it was not State has a right to speak on this sub-

> baggers as either of his colleagues. They comprehended the situation, saw fraud so glaring as this to be thrust down she does so speak, her voice should be rethe difficulty of the work before them, and the throat of the country "against the garded as true. But what officer is her resolved to make it pay in something bet- stomach of its sense." But if the two proper organ? The Governor being her ter than mere promises of "recognition," bodies would declare inconsistent results political chief, and his certificate being who was their spokesman in private as different Presidents, a state of things have been unreasonable to hold that it in public, wrote in strict confidence to a might come which would subject our in- was conclusive unless tainted with fraud. carpet-bag Senator then at Washington a stitutions to a strain severe enough to en. The Hayes electors had the Executive letter which, being condensed into plain danger them greatly. It was in these certificate in Louisiana and Florida, and tleman who presents this; he knows the The mode of appointing them made it faith or credit for it, and pronounced it Democratic majority was too large to sent of his brethren on both sides, he ing which apparently opened the door of handle-he wanted to serve his party, but might be expected to stand between investigation even wider than the Demopensation; he must have "\$200,000 apiece heavy on one head as the other. The body. The commission was hedging for for himself and Anderson, and a smaller Democrats consented to this in the belief Oregon. The eight were reaching across sum for the niggers." On this basis he managers. At the same time he was offering himself at New Orleans to the Democrats, at first for half a million, but they felt sure, at all events, that the um- rors, could there be any possible justifiafterward proposed that he would leave in enough votes to elect Mr. Nicholls \$200,000 cash were first placed in his

bands. this whole business was unsupported by legal authority. The Legislature of the State did not, because it could not, give them power to disfranchise qualified electors. They lucked, therefore, the general jurisdiction which they assumed. But that is not all; they proceeded in the very teeth even of the void statute which they professed to follow. That statute pretends to give them no such authority as they exercised over any return to which midation is not attached when it is sent in by the Supervisor of Registration or the Commissioner of Election, and the supported by the affidavits of three citi-

Wanting this, the board was absolutely ing it and adding it as true to the others. have to steal it from the records and

jury entered largely into the business.

sizes, the largest about an inch in length. Sheer necessity to defend themselves the statute books are not to be relied on. The nearest stream where fish are found is twenty-five miles away.

In the distribution and the common law that fraud vicines the common honesty of the nation was not ever it touches, and proved it undeniate the common honesty of the nation was not made without some attempt to justify it. The apprehension that it would best way they can, and that defence is suggested by anybody for falsifying this nade without some attempt to justify it. The apprehension that it would be falsified in the return arose solely out to be falsified in the return arose solely

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that no seven Republicans could be taken to the Pacific for the one yote there, which from the court or from Congress who was just as important as the twelve on would swear to decide the truth and then | the Gulf of Mexico. uphold a known fraud; if mistaken in the sum total big enough—eight to seven

as it went before the commission. Tilden facia validity? Yet the Electoral Comand Hendricks had 184 electoral votes mission (eight to seven) decided that also had in Louisiana eight, and in Flor- while that of the Returning Board would ida four, appointed by the people, but stand, though known to be founded on falsely certified to Hayes and Wheeler by falsehood and saturated all through with the Governors. In Oregon they had one corruption. certified by the Governor, but against Hayes it was necessary that each and be taken from Tilden and given to Hayes. As this required many distinct rulings based upon contradictory grounds, the path of the commission was not only steep but crooked.

The great and important duty east upon

the commission by a special law and by other parts of the State suffered less. The crat, but when a deed of more than com- board has no more authority to examine a special oath of each member was to deextent of their spoliations can hardly be mon baseness was to be done, the Demo- or decide a question of intimidation cide, in the case of contested votes from a State, "whether any and what votes from such States are the votes provided for by the Constitution of the United burn it. So stands the law. The fact is States, and how many and what persons other information from sources entirely thoroughly from the start. It was never established by conclusive evidence that were duly appointed electors in such State." It is not denied that the sole tion in 1870 the majority of the people ishes the roturns came up without any power of appointing electors for the States of Louisiana and Florida is in stroying every building and every article baggers at every election. But the board cases they were therefore without color of the people. It was then and still is an electronic baggers at every election. But the board cases they were therefore without color of the people. It was then and still is an electronic baggers at every election. admitted fact that the people had exeralways intercepted the returns, and so jurisdiction.

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But the conspirators could not afford to prescribed and power way; they did duly other way. Kellogg was a candidate for other way. Kellogg was a candidate for other way. This may seem at first blush like gross Governor; he was largely defeated, but the local officers to make a false charge make an appointment of electors, and exaggeration, because it is worse than the board certified him elected. The of intimidation. These votes must be the act was duly recorded, and so made a anything that misrule ever did before. certificate was so glaringly false that carexcluded per fas aut ne fas, and the Re-"done in a corner;" it was "seen and something to the provinces they wasted; to install him, and Democrats determined the board was made for. The returning known of all men." That each of the the Norman did not strip the Saxon to assert their rights. It was then that officers went upon the principle aut inquite to the skin; the Puritans under General Grant, to the unspeakable shame reniam aut faciam. They made the pro- Tilden electors at a regular election cal-Cromwell did not utterly desolate Ire- of the nation, lifted him into office on tests which they could not find; affidavits led for that purpose on the seventh of land. Their rapacity was confined to the the bayonets of the army. Afterward the which no creature in the parishes was November, in pursuance of law, was a visible things which they could present outraged people rose in revolutionary base enough to back with his oath were part of their history as much as the fact 389 W. Balto. St., cor. of Paca, ly handle and use. They could not take wrath, drove him to shelter in the Custom fabricated in the Custom House, and used that they were States of the Union. All what did not exist. But the American House, and inaugurated the man they by the board with a full knowledge that the members of the commission knew it carpet-bagger has an invention unknown had lawfully elected. Again the Presi- they were mere counterfeits. The exclusive week as well as they knew the geographical to those old-fashioned robbers, which in- dent made war on the State, and restored sion of returns on the ground of intimida- position of Tallahassee or New Orleans. creases his stealing power as much as the steam engine adds to the mechanical belong to him. The Democrats regular-none was there a particle of evidence to force of more natural muscles. He makes ly elected a majority of the Legislature; justify it. When nothing else would record, from which the truth glared upon negotiable bonds of the State, signs and as regularly as the Returning Board cer- serve the purpose, they did not ascruple a them as clear as the sun. They shut seals them "according to the forms of tified a majority of their seats to carpetlaw," sells them, converts the proceeds to baggers or scalawags or negroes not cho- from Vernon parish every figure on the see "how many and what persons were his own use, and then defies justice "to sen; and when the true members met to whole board sheet was altered with elabgo behind the returns." By this device organize for business the army was punctorate pains under the special direction of but listened eagerly to the evidence (aliunde though it was) which showed "how many and what persons" had been lays his lien on property yet uncreated; The election came off on the proper There is hardly any species of the crimen designated by the returning officers. It Cal., spouts up fish. In a meeting of the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, specimens of the fish, supposed to be vance; he coins the industry of future trout were necessary and appropriates the find structure of the supposed to be trout were necessary and appropriates the find structure of the supposed to be trout were necessary and appropriates the find structure of the supposed to be trout were necessary and appropriates the find structure of the supposed to be trout were necessary and supposed to the supposed to be trout were necessary and supposed to the supposed to the coins the industry of future interest. According to their own count, of the great fraud which was committed interest. trout, were presented. The well was bored generations into cash, and snatches the the result was a majority of 7,639 for the when the defeated electors and State offi- ment was vested by law in the Returning in 1871, and every year since has thrown out immense quantities of freshly snawned are unborn. Projecting his short for fish in April and May. The well is ward by this contrivance and operating of ballots cast by citizens legally quali-

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supposed that the House would suffer a ject through her own organs, and when

But having gone behind the Governor's that opinion of their adversaries, honesty, certificate for the sake of correcting erpire would be a fair-minded man. They cation for stoyping before the truth was were bitterly disappointed; the commistreached? If the head of the Common-(Democratic candidate for Governor) if sion went eight to seven for the great wealth, whose attestation is required by fraud and all its branches; for fraud in Federal law, went for nothing whenever the detail and in the aggregate; for every | it was contradicted, how could the conclu-The action of the returning officers in item of fraud that was necessary to make siveness be asserted of a paper made by officers unknown outside of the State. and powerless even by the local law to We must look at the state of the case make a certificate are more than prima clear and free of all dispute, one less than the Governor's certificate might be set a majority of the whole number. They aside for a mere mistake of law or fact,

> The unvarying preference of the eight whom a popular majority had been cast | Commissioners for the false over the true for an ineligible candidate. To elect becomes very striking at this point. When they got behind the Governor's paevery one of these thirteen votes should pers, they found lying aliunde two other sets of documents, one of which was a record of the actual appointment made by the people; the other was a mere fabrication of the Returning Board without any semblance of truth; they embraced the latter with all the ardor of sincere affection, and rejected the former with all possible marks of their dislike. To give the decrees of the Returning

Boards the conclusive effect claimed for them it was necessary to hold that they were legally invested with judicial powers, and that their jurisdiction, whether rightly or erroneously exercised, was absolute over the whole subject matter. In Florida the statute which creates the board gave it nothing except ministerial powers, and the Supreme Court of that State solemnly pronounced its claim of judicial authority to be altogether unfounded. But the Electoral Commission written or the unwritten law. The commission conceded to the Louisiana board all the juducial power it needed to sanctify its disfranchisment of the people in the face of the Constitution, which expressly forbade it. This general jurisdiction was not all they bestowed on those boards; they declared in substance that it might be well exercised in particular cases where it was not invoked according to law which gave them being, as, for instance, where a Louisiana parish sent up its return without a protest, statement or affidavit.

The eight Commissioners did not stop there. They went much further. They practically justified and sustained all the the infinite rascality of the Returning Boards. They not only refused to take voluntary notice of the atrocious frauds perpetrated by them, but they excluded the proofs of their corruption which the Democratic counsel held in their hands and offered to exhibit. These Commissioners choked off the evidence, and smothered it as remorselessly as Wells and his associates suppressed Democratic returns. And this they put on the exfraudulent or not. They would suffer no

rage was resisted to the utmost. All of the seven implored and protested against