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neither party being willing to admit a

corresponding equivalent, so as to preserve a

balance of power between the two

constituents, irrespective, in many instances,

of the rights of the people in the Territories.

The Case of Michigan.

Michigan is a striking instance of this

fact. Constituted a Territory in 1805, she

was kept out of the Union until 1837, wait-

ing for a twin or duplicate from the South,

and waited by procrastination and delay

of waiting on the slow progress of Southern

increase, and goaded by federal ap-

pointment, she burst her swaddling bands,

fell back on her reserved rights, proclaimed

her sovereignty, framed a State constitution,

organized a State government, sent

her senators and representatives to Con-

gress and demanded admission; and al-

though the proceedings were somewhat

informal, peccant and brusque, she was

received into the Union.

It must be admitted, however, that as

the United States form one great contracting

party, they ought not and cannot be forced

into a reception of States without their

consent; yet on the other hand they have

no authority to form Territorial govern-

ments, nor any other than State govern-

ments, and hence one wrong principle

another, as there is no provision in the

constitution authorizing the organiza-

tion of Territorial governments, they

have organized a government, interfering

with popular sovereignty, they ought

either to have received them, or let the

people govern themselves, until they were

prepared to receive them—either let them

alone or give them a republican form of

government. Arkansas, being her twin

Southern sister, was also admitted at

the same time. Texas next entered the arena,

but being already a nation, needed no pro-

limentary arrangements.

Application for Deseret to Unite with

California.

During Mr. Taylor's administration

parties began to define their attitude, and

the Territorial question threatening to be

ferocious, California, Deseret and New Mexico

all being expected to apply for admission,

the president wishing to remove the vexatious

question from Congress, sent two dele-

gates to the United States, California

General Wilson as the delegate to Utah

came here in 1849, with a request for us to

unite with California and to form a State,

the North Western Territory, the people

of the nation might be removed from Con-

gress. I was one of a committee who com-

municated with him on that subject, being

interested in this question. He informed us

that if we felt unwilling to form this

union, on the condition that we were

unwilling to unite with California, we ac-

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Douglas, which in itself was correct, tore

up and scattered unconstitutional com-

promised, disintegrated the whole structure

of political ethics, and disrupted and cut

assunder former usages and bounds; but

after bursting like a thunderbolt on the

astonished parties, tended to clear by

its electric force the political horizon.

It is true it was only a partial

measure, and only touched one of

the many abuses, and as

lost in the seething, bubbling cauldron of

political partisanship. If Mr. Douglas,

the then chairman of the committee on

Territorial and other fundamental

abuses, he would have stood foremost as

the champion of human rights, conferred

an incalculable benefit on unborn genera-

tions, purged the body politic from these

unnatural excrescences, and been immor-

alized by the nation. Instead of which he

became inflated with popularity, lost his

equilibrium, bedazzled with power and po-

sition, he talked dippantly, grandiloquently,

menacingly, abusing, cursing and rebuk-

ing some ulcers, set himself in the fog of

party and died unhonored and unlament-

ed.

But to return: I propose now to show

that the organization of Territorial govern-

ments is in

Violation of the People's Rights.

Subversive of liberty, and pernicious in

its results. The American government is

based on the will of the people; is demo-

cratic in principle and republican in form.

As has before been stated, the people

formed the constitution, they empower

the President and Congress, and are re-

presented by numbers and property.

A Territorial government is framed

by Congress, and its government, mar-

shal and judiciary, are appointed by the

President and Senate, without the con-

sent and in many instances in direct

opposition to the will of the people. The

people are invested with powers subver-

sive of liberty, equal rights and constitu-

tional guarantees. A Territorial govern-

ment is a relic of monarchy and is sim-

ply a satrapy. In a republican State gov-

ernment, which Congress is authorized to es-

tablish, the people elect their own gov-

ernors, state officers, judges, and con-

trol all their internal affairs. In the gov-

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