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the franchise. But in prescribing the qualifications for voters at the first elections in new Territories. efore any Legislature is formed, Concress provided that "Every male citizan above the age of twenty-one, inzens, in any Territory hereafter organized, and who are actual resito vote at the first election in such at all subsequent elections, which the Legislatures are to regulate by law, the word "male" is omitted, evidently with the intent to permit those Legislatures to establish woman suffrage if they should so elect. When prescribing all the qualifications of voters for the first election. Congress used the term "male citizens;" but when endowing the Legislatures with power to prescribe those ualifications, subject to certain limitations, Congress simply used the word "citizens," thus leaving the Legislatures to either establish or forbid woman suffrage.

This is the second time that the Legislature of Washington Territory, representing a majority of the citizens. has enacted a law, voted on by a large majority of the members, establishing woman suffrage, and each time the court has pronounced it unconstitutional. The case will now go up to the Supreme Court of the United States, and we believe the law will there be sustained if it is properly presented before that judicial body. But unless it is advanced on the calendar, Washington Territory may meanwhile be admitted into the Union as a State, and will then be able to do justly by its women citizens without fear of obstruction by a court of Federal appointment.



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