

that had heretofore been entitled to vote, I am reported as saying that "I had hoped upon mature reflection by this Committee on Suffrage, that has offered us such a magnificent plan, that the motion to reconsider would not be opposed." That is a direct contradiction to the remarks. I said, "I had hoped that the motion to reconsider would not be pressed."

Mr. President, while I am on my feet, I desire also to address myself to a matter of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT—The gentleman may state the question of privilege.

MR. BIDDOW—On yesterday afternoon the gentleman from Pike (Mr. Sanford) in answering a speech that I made, took occasion to make the following remarks: "When it comes to the right of the son of a veteran of the wars of this country to exercise the right of franchise, the gentleman from Jefferson objects unless he is able to read and write, notwithstanding the fact that he may be as intelligent as any member upon this floor." I desire to say, Mr. President, that at no time during the consideration of this article have I objected in any way or by any vote of mine to the sons of any Confederate voting. I presume the point that the gentleman from Pike was driving at was that upon the vote upon the subdivision containing the descendant clause of the Suffrage article, I saw fit to vote with the minority report. I desire to say that my vote was cast not with a desire on my part to disfranchise the son of any Confederate veteran. I desire further to say that if the minority report had succeeded it would not have had that effect, because of the fact that there was in that same article, a section that allowed all persons of good character to vote, and under that I have claimed from the beginning that these sons of Confederate soldiers who are of the salt of the earth would not have been disfranchised. I was especially surprised that the gentleman from Pike should have made this attack upon me because less than a week ago, he and I in conversation with each other, defining our relative positions in regard to this matter; I explained to him that I proposed to vote with the minority of the committee, because while it looked as if the Suffrage Committee had gotten up a magnificent plan, but in that beautiful ship that it had constructed the committee had put an unsound plank; that by taking that out it would leave a perfect system that would disfranchise no man.

MR. ASHCRAFT—I rise to a point of order, the gentleman is not addressing himself to the question of personal privilege. He is making an argument against the gentleman from Pike.

THE PRESIDENT—The Chair is of the opinion that under the circumstances, he is complying with the rules of the Convention on the point of personal privilege.