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Re: Impeachment

Republican Radicals Bill of Indictment Against Johnson by 1867

Johnson had set up his own governments in the South

He used the pardoning power to return the former Rebel leadership; *without Advice or Consent of the Senate*

He had vetoed all of Congress's Reconstruction bills;

He had urged the southerners to reject the 14th Amendment;

He had appointed to office men who could not take the test oath;

He had surrendered the abandoned lands and confiscated railroad property

The manifest purpose of all this, the Radicals concluded, was manifestly to return the former rebels to power in the state and national government despite Congress' judgement that this must not be done. . .

Johnson very much on the side of the former Presidency - the Repaired Presidency.

NOT the poor weakened helpless victim of a vindictive radical cabal