



## The Citizen s Duty in the Present Crisis (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from The Citizen s Duty in the Present Crisis This ought to have been done at the Last session of Congress; and it ought now to be done at the earliest practicable moment. The President and those who support him hold this view. I do not adopt this doctrine; and if you will give me your candid attention, I will just as candidly state to you some of my reasons. First, I find in this theory what seems to me an improper assumption or executive power. - The rebel States, for whose immediate representation the demand is urged, have been reconstructed, if at all, exclusively under the authority of the President himself. He, and he only, has fixed the terms, without any legislation on the part of Congress to guide him. He did not consult Congress, but proceeded at once to solve the problem immediately after the Rebellion was crushed. The military part of the struggle was ended; and hence the President was not fighting battles, or adopting war measures for the purpose of conquest, but...



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