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SUPREME COURT.

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STEPHEN BALDWIN,  
Complainant and Appellee.  
vs.  
FRED A. BAKER,  
Defendant and Appellant.

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BRIEF FOR APPELLANT.

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The constitutional provisions to be considered in this case are as follows:

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:

"The Congress shall have power" \* \* \*

"To borrow money on the credit of the United States."

\* \* \*

"To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures."

(Constitution U. S., Art. I, Sec. 8.)

"No state shall \* \* \* coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in