

18th September, 1850. Sir: I have had the honor to receive your letter of this date, informing me that the bill commonly called the Fugitive Slave bill, having passed both Houses of Congress, had been submitted to you for your consideration, approval, and signature; and requesting my opinion whether the sixth section of that act, especially the last clause of that section, conflicts with the principles of the Constitution, which declares that "no privilege of writ of habeas corpus, shall not be suspended, unless when, in cases of Rebellion or Invasion, the public safety may require it."

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The Constitution, in the second section of the fourth article, declares, that "no person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation of either State, be delivered up to such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due."

It is well known and admitted, historically and judicially, that this clause of the Constitution was adopted for the purpose of securing to the citizens of slaveholding States the complete ownership in their slaves as property, in any and every State or Territory of the Union into which they might escape.

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