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SLAVERY PROPAGANDISTS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

The termination of the State Elections, has conclusively proven that there are more than two hundred thousand voters in Pennsylvania who are firm in the principle of opposing all further progress of slavery, beyond the limits of the present slave States; and not only so, but that the principle of hostility to slavery as well in Pennsylvania as in the wide spread regions embraced in the national domain in the West, the North-west and the South-west, is daily spreading and taking deeper and deeper root in the minds of the people of all the free States and Territories; and even in the minds of all good and humane men and women in the slave States, as is proven by the fact that many persons in the slave States have dared to oppose slavery by their words and writings, and to vote against the *Sacred Institution*, at the risk of losing their lives and property, their houses and their lands, their family abodes and the domiciles of them and their children; such being the insane and fiendish fury of the slaveocracy in the slave States, that some men have been murdered, as in Baltimore, and others have been compelled to flee the State, and forsake their families for expressing opinions, or offering to vote at the elections in opposition to Slavery, as in Virginia; whilst other good men, such as Cassius M. Clay and his friends in Kentucky, braving danger and contumacious death, in the cause of freedom, and the right, have gone to the polls armed to the teeth, giving notice that though they might fall in the exercise of the rights of freemen, yet their fall should be marked in the midst of their fallen enemies.

Slavery has again triumphed through the forms of the Constitution, with two-thirds of the people of the free States against it. As to the slave States, we have no correct means of judging how many of the voters there would have voted for freedom had they been permitted to cast their votes as they thought proper. But no man would have escaped with his life, had he dared voted for Fremont in some of the slave States.

With a man owing his election to the Presidency to the Slave-drivers, and who stands pledged before the world to serve them, and forget his country, the slaveocracy are animated with more boldness and inspired with new hopes: In imagination Cuba, Mexico, and Central America already expand the dominions of the Slaveocrats. With this splendid view of the future glories of slavery, the southern presses and politicians have become jubilant. Claiming to take the lead in every movement hostile to humanity and the rights of the human race, her Governor the other day, in his message to the Legislature of the Palmetto States, advises the immediate re-opening of the slave trade, or at least as soon as the measure can be carried into effect. The Palmettos will have many difficulties to encounter in this business of the slave trade. It is treated as piracy by the law of the United States, France, England, and all the most civilized nations. But the Palmettos will have yet a greater difficulty to overcome. This difficulty arises in Virginia, the mother of States and Presidents. Virginia claims a monopoly of the American slave trade and will no more permit South Carolina to import slaves from Africa at \$100 per head, instead of paying Virginia \$1000 per head for the same sort of a negro, than South Carolina would permit her own citizens to vote at an election for President, for any other candidate than one pledged to the most extensive outspreading of slavery in all the territories of the Union. From these dilemmas and misfortunes, all the labors of the Southern fire-eaters and Northern democrats, previous to the late election, has failed to deliver the slaveocracy; and in this perplexing state of bewilderment, the whole body of the slave drivers of the cotton and sugar fields, and river swamps, must undoubtedly have continued, but for the sudden and unlooked-for rising up of missionaries, not of the week and lowly Jesus, but of the long, leaden-headed whip, and the auction block of human chattels. They have appeared in a happy time, to help out the arguments and reasonings of the Democrats, and other believers in the divine origin and holy character of the institution of slavery. These arguments have been sadly shattered by Fremont orators and other disbelievers in the Divine institution. These arguments now wielded by a pro-slavery press and ministry, contain in themselves no solid consistency, being the mere patch-work of Democratic politicians—being void of truth justice and humanity; they have been torn into shreds, rags and tatters by the apostles of truth and freedom, again and again. But the position assumed by this class of slavery propagandists is remarkable. They assert that slavery is instituted by Divine command, and yet, notwithstanding this, they profess to "hate slavery with all their heart, and with all their soul they abhor it;"—but can good men and true believers in divine wisdom hate anything which originated in the divine will? It seems to us that human bondage was rather the work of the Devil, than of the true Deity, and that wicked men, whose hearts were full of all sorts of foul desires had invented the story of its Divine Origin, to cover or garnish their own fiendish wrongs, wantonly inflicted on their fellowmen. But how different is the view taken of this subject by many of the *under-shepherds* of to-day. And as they speak from the sacred desk, how can any but an alien to the Commonwealth of Democracy fail to believe every word they say, of the heaven descended institution, marking many passages of Scripture, very pertinently.

We will cite one instance of Scriptural slavery—we believe it is the first case of a slave, mentioned in the Bible; and let us mark the moral. It is the case of the Patriarch Joseph, seized and sold by his brothers, just as the brothers of the "first families" in Virginia, now-a-days, manacle and sell their brothers, aye, and their sisters too, of a common parent. The kidnappers who sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites or Arabian merchants, were just such men as kidnappers and sellers of their own flesh and blood; have been from the time of Joseph to this day. Void of humanity, covetous and revengeful, they seized and sold their brother, dipping his coat in blood, they brought it to their father. The day of retribution came, for those wicked men; and does not the same God that watched over Joseph, and afterwards placed his brothers in his power, yet govern all the world, and all the men who live?

The sale of Joseph by his brothers, is manifestly a case of extreme antiquity;—for when Abraham, Joseph's great grandfather was in Egypt, no mention is made of the Pyramids, of the Sphinx, nor of any of the great temples; and the residence of the king seems from the narrative to have been in an open court, or verandah; besides it is said that in the time of Abraham, the civilization of Egypt was but in its infancy; for there seems to have been neither law nor custom to restrain the king, from the exercise of acts which could only have been perpetrated in a previous period. Why do not our Democratic missionaries bring forward the case of Joseph, to prove the divine origin of slavery, and of the right of the strong to make slaves of the weak, in all ages.

The next instance of slavery, that is handed down to us in either sacred or profane history, is that of the whole Hebrew people, who seem to have been reduced to a state of slavery by the Egyptian government, immediately after the death of Joseph. This occurrence must have taken place at a period of antiquity far beyond the earliest dates of Grecian mythological writing, for no mention is made of it by either the poets or the historians of Greece. It seems to have taken place before the foundation or institution of the historical tablets of the Egyptian priests; and yet, its details are so minutely given, that we cannot doubt its truth—aside from the book containing it—that the slavery of the Hebrews was previous to the construction of the pyramids.

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