

Negro Freedom.

While Congress is laboring diligently for the emancipation of the negroes, and the army and navy are practically enforcing the wildest vagaries of the abolitionists in freeing the negroes by thousands, and turning them loose upon the country, the Northern States are becoming justly alarmed with the apprehension of being over-run by thriftless lazy persons of color, who must necessarily become a pest and burden to the people of those States. Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, are all taking steps to effectually prevent negroes—free, slave, or contraband from entering those States under any circumstances, for the purpose of making there a permanent residence. The most stringent laws are being matured and enacted in those several States, subjecting poor Sambo to the most odious punishment if he should wickedly, or unwittingly pass their confines. Such laws enacted five or ten years ago, by those States would have prevented the present devastating, costly and cruel war. But at that period the cry was—the poor slave must be freed, regardless of consequences. The fanatical portion of the people of those States, who unfortunately have been in the ascendancy there for some years, not only offered the slave a secure asylum, if he should succeed in escaping from his master, but hired emissaries were scattered over the South to persuade the slaves to fly for a land of liberty and ease, where hosts of friends would be ready to take them to their bosoms. But now, when the startling consequences of their folly begin to stare them in the face, when the prospect of almost unheard of burdens are likely to fall upon their industry, in taxes for war, and taxes for peace, taxes to buy, and taxes to support negroes, they seem to be awakening to a realizing sense of the terrible dangers that threaten them. Even some of the Black Republican journals in this latitude, who have hitherto exerted all their feeble efforts to aid the negro worshippers, now begin to wince, and in order not to be overwhelmed with public indignation turn with much apparent bitterness upon their recent friends. They would even invoke the spirit of mob law against these old friends. Traitors and fanatics are universally consistent in one thing, that of baseness. These tools of fanatics, while they believed it to be to their advantage to serve them, traitors to all the interests of their country, while treason was profitable, one day would deny a paper, that

had opposed their diabolical schemes, mail facilities, mob its Editor, destroy his press, and material; and next day, when public scorn would fix with withering effect upon the foul deed, would counsel the hanging of those that had been foolish and wicked enough to follow their teaching. It is one of the follies of Black Republican fanaticism. Phillips, Garrison, Cheever and Fred Douglas are one day pinks of purity, their counsels contrail half of the nation, while the principal personages in the land appear to consider it an honor to be favoured with their presence, next day they are pelted with stones and rotten eggs, and the cry is hang them, simply because they advocate, openly, the unconstitutional and treasonable measures by the covert, advocacy of which they and their aids have been able for years to convulse the nation. But traitors and fanatics are consistent in business and now when, once the most august assemblage in the land, but now a den for hatching treason, the Senate of the United States passes an act to liberate all the slaves in the District of Columbia, and the co ordinate branch of the nations counsel raises a committee to take into consideration the propriety of liberating all the slaves in the land, and car loads of stolen negroes begin to be poured in upon these intensified friends of human freedom, the key note changes, and negroes must be confined to their present limits, to eat out in idleness the substance of those who have reared them, and have been robbed of their services, or else they must be transported beyond the seas. Maryland must have ninety thousand comparatively helpless beings turned loose upon her to hang as a millstone about the neck of her industry, Virginia five times that number, and so on in the ascending scale as you advance South.

Abolitionism has always been opposed to colonization, and the negroes, not one in a thousand, are willing to leave the place of their nativity, and the idea of a voluntary migration of the colored race to Liberia, or some other country is a mere blind thrown out to deceive the unsuspecting, especially those whose industry might be affected by the presence of the negro. Where the negroes now are, as a mass, free or slave, they will remain if left to their own choice, and nothing short of extermination can remove them.