

Thus, from the foregoing, it appears that while in 1790 there were but 8,043 free people of color in the State, at the end of the seventh decade there are 73,158, making a constant annual increase of 1,052, for the whole period of 60 years.

The slave population of 1790 were 103,036, while in 1850 it numbers 90,000, making an annual decrease for the same time of 217. The white population in 1790 numbered 208,649; and in 1850, 412,803,—showing an annual increase for 60 years, just expired, of 3,404; not having doubled their number in that time, while the free negroes in same time have duplicated their numbers nine times over; or while the whites have increased upon their numbers less than 100 per cent. for the last sixty years, the free negroes have increased over 900 per cent.

The relative rate of increase between whites and free colored from 1790 to 1850, will appear by the following table :

Alleghany county in 1790 had 1 free colored to 278 whites—in 1840, 1 to 68—in 1850, 1 to 54.

Washington in 1790 had 1 free colored to 226 whites—in 1840, 1 to 16—in 1850, 1 to 14.

Frederick in 1790 had 1 free colored to 126 whites—in 1840, 1 to 13—in 1850, 1 to 8.

Baltimore county in 1790 had 1 free colored to 23 whites—in 1840, 1 to 10—in 1850, 1 to 9.

Baltimore city in 1790, 1 free colored to 37 whites—in 1840, 1 to 4½—in 1850, 1 to 5.

Harford in 1790, 1 free colored to 14 whites—in 1840, 1 to 4½—in 1850, 1 to 5.

Montgomery in 1790, 1 free colored to 39 whites—in 1840, 1 to 6½—in 1850, 1 to 7.

Prince George's in 1790, 1 free colored to 61 whites—in 1840, 1 to 7—in 1850, 1 to 7.

Charles in 1790, 1 free colored to 25 whites—in 1840, 1 to 7—in 1850, 1 to 6.

Saint Mary's in 1790, 1 free colored to 24 whites—in 1840, 1 to 4½—in 1850, 1 to 3.

Calvert in 1790, 1 free colored to 30 whites—in 1840, 1 to 2½—in 1850, 1 to 2½.

Anne Arundel in 1790, 1 free colored to 14 whites—in 1840, 1 to 2 4-5—in 1850, 1 to 3½.

Carroll in 1840, 1 to 17.

Cecil in 1790, 1 free colored to 61 whites—in 1840, 1 to 5½—in 1850, 1 to 6.

Kent in 1790, 1 free colored to 10 whites—in 1840, 1 to 2—in 1850, 1 to 1½.

Caroline in 1790, 1 free colored to 16 whites—in 1840, 1 to 3—in 1850, 1 to 2 1-5.

Talbot in 1790, 1 free colored to 6½ whites—in 1840, 1 to 2—in 1850, 1 to 2½.

Queen Anne's in 1790, 1 free colored to 13 whites—in 1840, 1 to 2½—in 1850, 1 to 2 1-5.

Somerset in 1790, 1 free colored to 30 whites—in 1840, 1 to 4½—in 1850, 1 to 3 4-5.

Dorchester in 1790, 1 free colored to 19 whites—in 1840, 1 to 2½—in 1850, 1 to 2 4-5.

Worcester in 1790, 1 free colored to 43 whites—in 1840, 1 to 3 4-5—in 1850, 1 to 3½.

Baltimore, Frederick and Carroll, the latter taken off between 1830 and 1840—in 1840, 1 to 9.

Statement of the manumissions reported to the commissioners of the State fund, since 1832 to January 1st, 1851, as follows :

Total number of manumissions since March,

1832, are, 4,199; of this number were manumitted forthwith, 1,587; number prospective, and to take effect at a further time, 2,612.

This number falls far short of the actual manumissions, as in many instances by will, neither names or numbers are given, but all slaves are set free at the testator's decease, or at some future time.

The actual increase or decrease in the several counties and Baltimore city, of the whites and free colored since the census 1840, up to the census of 1850, and the relative increase per cent. during those ten years, will appear by the following table :

Actual Increase or Decrease since the Census of 1840.

Counties.	White increase.	Decrease.	Free black increase.	Decrease.	Increase pr. ct. in the 10 yrs. between 1840 and '50.	
					White.	Free col'd
Baltimore city,	63,294		6,658		78	36
Harford,	2,373		349		19	14.3
Montgomery,	1,156		56		13.9	4.4
Prince George's,	1,079		58		13	5
Charles,		357	94	dec.	10.2	
Alleghany,	7,089		182		66.5	85½
Washington,	2,235		305		9	19½
Frederick,	6,804		1,259		27	62
Baltimore Co.,	10,038		114		41.5	3.2
Saint Mary's,	045		210		7.5	15
Calvert,	025		46		7	3
Anne Arundel,	3,519		105		17.6	2.3
Cecil,	2,203			61	16	dec.
Kent,		18	641		dec.	25.8
Caroline,	762		1,068		14.3	62
Talbot,	1,024		250		16.7	10.6
Queen Anne's,	908		642		14.7	29.9
Somerset,	1,932		807		16	30.5
Dorchester,	059			184	.5	dec.
Worcester,	059		520		.5	16.9
Total white increase per cent.					29.9	
Free black do. do.					17.9	
Slaves have decreased.						

Thus it appears from an increase, demonstrated by the actual returns of the present census, the free negro population on the given rate of progression, must, in a few years, exceed the white population in eleven counties of the State.

Baltimore county exhibits the largest white increase over the free colored; from their known partiality to village or city life, that is easily accounted for—Baltimore city being located in that county. The city of Baltimore shows a very large increase of free blacks, but the ratio of white increase exceeds that, because of large accessions from the country and foreign emigration added to the actual city increase proper.

Kent and Worcester show the largest increase of free blacks over the whites, to be found in any of the counties.

The cause of this state of things in the counties is sufficiently apparent. The white popu