

pretty much on their own terms as to compensation. In fact these mercenary & pretended philanthropists encourage the immigration & settlement of runaway slaves in their borders, because they enjoy their labour at a far cheaper rate, than they can obtain white labour, which is excluded in proportion. None of these conscience men ever trouble themselves to enquire whether their labour is really free, with any other view than to rob the master of the services of his slave & to obtain the labour of the slave, on the most oppressive terms. I was shocked on this trial to hear it proved how the labour of this settlement was chiefly done by blacks harboured in that place, some of whom were the runaway slaves of Edward Gorsuch.

Such was the pomp & circumstance with which the fugitive slave is cherished there as proved on this trial that one of Mr Gorsuch's slaves for whom he had a warrant, actually rode up, a few minutes before his murder, armed with a gun & mounted on a fine saddle horse, the property of a white man in the neighbourhood.

Here then is the true & sordid motive of these boasted friends of the slave - Avarice is the real feeling - Religion & humanity the cloak. And injustice to white labourers the necessary result.

The examination commenced before Alderman John F. Reigart at 11 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday the 23rd inst & was continued at great length through that day until night and during the whole of the forenoon & afternoon of Wednesday. Mr Reigart deserves the highest praise for his efforts to procure the arrest of the offenders immediately after the occurrence, & for his patient firmness in doing his duty on this examination.

He seemed satisfied as all good citizens must be, that a great outrage had been committed, & determined that justice should not fail, through his agency, in any respect whatever.

The evidence, of which I have a full & complete copy, proved satisfactorily the following results, that through treachery of somebody, trusted in Philadelphia, it was well known in the neighbourhood of Penningtonville & Christiana the day before the murder, that Mr Gorsuch & his party were going to make the arrest of his slaves; that an organization for armed resistance took place through the day & night pre-