

When Mr Lincoln is inaugurated it will not be merely a change of administration, - the installation of a new President, - but a reversal of the former practice and policy of the Government so thorough as to amount to a revolution. Covered over its offensiveness with the most artful disguises and the fact stands out in its terrible reality, that the Government, within the amplitude of its jurisdiction, real or assumed, becomes foreign to the South, and is not to recognize the right of the Southern citizen to property in the labor of African slaves. Therefore, Congress, the Executive and the Judiciary have considered themselves, in their proper spheres, as under a Constitutional obligation to recognize and protect as property whatever the States ascertained and determined to be such. Now the opinion of nearly every Republican is, that the slave of a citizen of Maryland, in possession of, and in company with, his master, on a vessel sailing from Baltimore to Mobile, is as free as his master, and entitled to the same rights, privileges and immunities, as soon as the vessel has reached a marine league beyond the shore of the State and is outside the jurisdiction of State laws. The same opinion is held in reference to a slave carried on the territory or other property, belonging to the United States, and all of that party deny that Congress, or a Territorial Legislature or any individuals can give legal existence to slavery in any territory of the United States. Thus, under the new government, property, which existed in every State save one when the Confederacy was founded and is recognized and protected in the Constitution, is to be proscribed and outlawed. It requires no argument to show, that States, whose property is thus condemned, are reduced to inferiority and degradation.

Such being the principle and purpose of the new Government and its supporters, every Southern State is deeply interested in the protection of the honor and equality of her citizens. Recent events, occurring at the Federal Capitol and in the North, must demonstrate to the most incredulous and hopeful, that there is no intention on the part of the Republicans to make concessions to our just and reasonable demands or furnish any security against their wrong-doings. If their purposes were right and harmless, how easy to give satisfactory assurances and guarantees! If no intention to harm exist, it can neither be unmanly nor unwise to put it out of their power to commit harm. The minority section must have some other protection than the discretion or sense of justice of the majority.