

Drive back the man of toil, who knows and feels that he is a freeman, whose production is substantial, whose wealth was not born on credit and begot by mortgages, and let in the slaveholder in his Southwestern tramp to wealth, with bankruptcy, repudiation, vice, amalgamation, idleness, pride, and fear of poverty to ply the lash and wring from the bondsman at once his livelihood and his ruin! And yet, these are the men who have the effrontery to talk about the "mean social privileges" of the negro in the North, and complain of the "gratuitous malevolence of those who wish to force local laws on a *free people*" in the territories! Is it, indeed, a wonder that the North is exasperated? No feeling but terror, and hope almost against despair is appropriate, when the full crater in the old States is pouring its scalding tide over territory after territory to the Southwest—more terrific than the flames of war, which threatens to consume the Constitution, to desolate the fairest half of our continent, and blast the prosperity of its population for a hundred years to come.

Let us, then, calmly, and yet with boldness, rescue this wide and fair domain from bankruptcy, from lethargy and oppression, which we have so recently snatched from the hands of Anarchy. But the crowning argument of the whole is, that the free soil movement fastens slavery forever on the old States. Can the mere removal of it lessen the evil, or mitigate the curse? No; it only spreads and strengthens it. As well say that the Atlantic slope would now contain the wealth of the Union as it is, had the man of enterprise never ventured in, occupied, and blessed with the hand of culture the rich empire of the Mississippi Valley. Who doubts that the older States are more populous, more prosperous, more enterprising, more powerful, from the very fact of the settlement of the West?

Then stop your clamor about the extension of slavery thinning, weakening, and finally doing away with it. It seems that the Hand of the Almighty has quenched the conflagration of war, which had glared on the pinnacles of the Cordilleras and swept to the falling Metropolis of Mexico, by the addition of free territory, to fence in forever the progress of that power for which all this drama of blood has been enacted. There is a question behind the constitutionality of legislation on this subject; but when did humanity weigh a feather when interest or pride lay in the opposing scale?

The following statistics show the comparative growth of two States, whose natural advantages are about equal:

MISSOURI—Slave State.	ILLINOIS—Free State.
In 1830, Population, 57,182.	In 1820, 55,211
In 1844, 528,383.	In 1844, 662,125

In Missouri, of these seventy-one thousand four hundred are slaves.

Twenty-eight years ago, Missouri contained 21,971 more people than Illinois—four years ago, slaves and all, 133,743 less.

Doubtless the framers of the Constitution never contemplated such alarming prosperity as this on free soil, or they would have checked it by some positive enactment in favor of the extension of slavery.

CANDOUR.

The old Hunker whig presses still stick to it that Mr. Delano of Ohio is out making speeches in favor of Gen. Taylor. There has been quite a chuckling over the matter since it was announced that he was to stump the State in company with Mr. Corwin. We give below a letter in which Mr. Delano defines his position—We take it from the *True Democrat*.

MT. VERNON, O., Aug. 25, '48.  
THOS. BROWN, Esq., Cleveland, O.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 15th inst., came to hand during my absence from home, on a journey to Cincinnati. I have just returned and hasten to answer.

You are aware of the object of my visit to Cleveland, during or immediately preceding the Buffalo convention. I could not, without gross neglect of duty to others, omit the business in which I was then, and am still engaged.

I have never hesitated in my own mind as to the dictate of duty in regard to Gen. Taylor's nomination for the Presidency.

I cannot vote for him, and shall not ask others to do so while he occupies before the world his present position in regard to certain measures which I have always regarded as cardinal in the creed of northern whigs.

At Columbus last winter, I expressed a willingness to assist, if I could, General Ford's election. So I feel now, and I am ready to redeem the pledge there given.

The State Central Committee, judging me correctly in this regard, made the announcement in the Journal without consulting me.

I am ready to comply as far as business engagements before me contracted will permit, provided by doing so I can advance the cause of Gen. Ford, and be guilty of no deception in word or deed.

This, my dear sir, is my position in regard to the appointments.

I do not like Van Buren. I can forget most of my objections to him, but I cannot forget that himself and friends have given countenance and support to this accursed war—the bitter, *bitter* fruits of which we are now tasting, and I fear only beginning to taste. Nevertheless, I know, at least I feel, that upon the preservation of the Free Soil movement every thing depends,

and its success ought to be paramount to all other considerations.

If objections to Van Buren drive men back to Cass and Taylor, and thus break down the cause of freedom, slavery will certainly be carried back into California and New Mexico, and the South having triumphed, will involve us in war for more Southern territory, as soon as they can use another slice.

If we convince the South that all future acquired territory must be free, we shall have no more war of conquest begun by the usurpations of the President, or by the declaration of Congress, for many years at least. If the Free Soil movement is now crushed, I fear that it cannot soon be revived. My feelings, therefore, are all engaged in its success. I consider it the cause of truth and justice, and the cause which carried out to success, will most certainly secure the future happiness and prosperity of our country.

One word as to myself. I have felt that if I took a prominent part in the movement against the Philadelphia nomination, I should be accused of being moved to do so on account of my defeat before the convention last winter. I have, therefore, avoided all speeches away from home. Here I have made three, in all of which I have opposed Taylor, and therefore among my neighbors I am well understood.

I have also avoided any publication that would give to the world my reasons for opposing Taylor. In all this I begin to fear that I have erred, and that it would have been better to have said all that my heart felt. But in doing as I have done I have avoided all concealments. Every body knows, who knows me, that I cannot support Taylor, though some Taylor men have attempted to convey a different impression. I have in this letter attempted to tell you my exact opinions, so far as the limits of a single sheet will permit.

This letter is not written for publication—nor is it private or confidential. I wish every man in the State understood me exactly.

Truly and Respectfully  
C. DELANO.

From the Rochester Daily Advertiser.  
Van Buren's Casting Vote.

Among all the bare-faced calumnies that party has resorted to, to malign Mr. Van Buren, no one is characterized by a more shameless disregard to truth and manly fairness, than the casting vote Mr. Van Buren is charged with having given, as Vice President, in the United States Senate, on the bill "authorising the Post-masters to search the mails, and throw out postal and incendiary matter."

All who recollect the state of southern feeling on the subject of circulating, what was termed, inflammatory publications, calculated to excite a servile war between the slaves and their masters, in the South, cannot forget the high state of excitement that pervaded the entire South upon this subject, and the only part Mr. Van Buren took in the legislation growing out of this excitement.

Our attention has just been called to a letter of the Hon. Seth M. Gates, a highly respected Whig, and at that time a member of Congress from Western New York, giving a history of the bill, and most triumphantly vindicating Mr. Van Buren from the foul libel—from which letter we are indebted for our extracts :

"December 21, 1835, Mr. Calhoun made a motion in the Senate that so much of the President's (Jackson's) message as relates to the transmission of incendiary publications by the United States Mails, be referred to a Special Committee. The propriety of a reference to the standing Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads, or to a Special Committee, was debated at considerable length, and seems to have been decided in favor of a Special Committee, principally for the following reasons, as signed by Senator Davis, of Massachusetts, who was a member of the Standing Committee, and who said:—'Looking at the motion rather as a matter of *courtesy*, than in any other light, he for one, would be glad to send it to a Special Committee; because it was desired by the gentlemen from that section of the country should present to the Senate their views—southern gentlemen certainly best knew their own embarrassments in relation to this matter. It seems not only *courteous* but *parliamentary*, that those who are most vitally interested, should first present us with their views.'

The following is the conclusion of Mr. Gates's letter :

"Even Gen. Cass acknowledges that there have been great changes going on in the public mind, and I fancy it will appear in the sequel that most of the changes have been less like Lucifer's than his. I have opposed Mr. Van Buren nearly all my life, but as I regard the question of non-extension of slavery—Free Soil—the all-engrossing subject of the present campaign; as I find both the other candidates beyond the possibility of a doubt, unyieldingly opposed to Free Territory; and as Mr. Van Buren has always been right and consistent in regard to annexation and the non-extension of slavery—Free Soil—the all-engrossing subject of the present campaign; as I find both the other candidates beyond the possibility of a doubt, unyieldingly opposed to Free Territory; and as Mr. Van Buren has always been right and consistent in regard to annexation and the non-extension of slavery—Free Soil—the all-engrossing subject of the present campaign; as I find both the other candidates beyond the possibility of a doubt, unyieldingly opposed to Free Territory; and as Mr. Van Buren has always been right and consistent in regard to annexation and the non-extension of slavery—Free Soil—the all-engrossing subject of the present campaign; 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