

to have amongst them this class of people, it has been a task
it would seem of long standing, and recently we ^{have} a report of an
instance of the great zeal & pertinacity of the ^{people,} civil authorities
of the ^{State} defending & protecting three slaves of a ^{the people} citizen of ~~Deer~~
Craw County, which slaves were under trial before their court
of sessions for over two weeks; the negro who was the head
of the family was proved to the satisfaction of the Court to be
a slave, & by ^{to the person who claims him} a Certiorari, ^{the civil authorities, allowed} the case was taken up
to the Supreme ^{for further delay & a further chance of detaining him in custody} Court of that State. There is a fair portion of
the South West of that State already settled and occupied to
considerable extent by this class of people, and if the good
people of that State ^{choose to have it} will of us know of few ^{more convenient & suitable} better places
for colonization. It would certainly be greatly promotive of
the interests of this State to furnish ^{to this end} them with as liberal con-
tributions as we could; and if after a year or two's experience
we find our sister New Jersey still willing to receive and
^{adopt} give protection to these unfortunate people, we can see no
good reason why the law now proposed to expel all the
free negroes from the State should not ^{not then be passed &} be carried into effect
to the full extent. — Much of the valuable land of the Eastern
Shore has fallen into dilapidation, chiefly in consequence
of the wretched race of half free & half slave negroes, which
which we have been obliged to depend on as labourers, and
recently many of the enterprising & valuable portion of the
Citizens of Jersey have come over and purchased tracts
of those lands; the effect of this barter of bad citizens
for good is already steering to the eye and heart of the
patriot, and the future good effects to Maryland will
be incalculable.