to be attributed the non existence of abolition Societies in nearly all the Counties of the State. –

The principle of free labour, the value of which has been tested in several of our West=ern Counties, & the continual breaking up of the first deeps of ancient prejudices in agriculture, as well as political economy generally, all go to shew that the heretofore approved systems of labour & set are on the wane – that a new ~~era~~ Era is opening – is in fact already opened. – Colonizationists are anxious to improve this State of feeling – They occupy a middle ground & stand exactly between those who contend for immediate abolition on the one hand, & the advocates of perpetual Slavery on the other – Destroy them, & the full tide of immediate abolition will sweep through the different counties of the State with a ~~f~~ force too powerfull to be checked & with a result completely disruptive of the whole system of our present gradually improving Domestic economy. – Colonizationists depre=cate the idea of such a State of things, & will if they are permitted to do so, fight against it to the last. – But if driven from the ground they have assumed – If by one fell sweep the whole of their labour, which has cost much time labour & money, is to be demolished, what can they do? – Moved as they even have been, & still are by a sound regard to the cause of humanity & the welfare of the State, they would be forced, nearly all them into the ranks of abolition. – Such an alternative to me would be the signal of misery – lest the tide in favour of meli=