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STAUNTON, AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JULY 22, 1859.

To be discharged by the

BALTIMORE LODGE HOSPITAL.

DR. JOHNSTON.

EVER SINCE my arrival in Baltimore, the

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The Vindicator.

STAUNTON, VA.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1859.

A. M. PITTIGLIOLI & CO., No. 18 State Street, and No. 115 Broadway, New York, are authorized agents for the "Vindicator" and will advertise at our lowest rates.

PROF. S. BAGBY is an authorized agent in the City of Richmond for the "Vindicator." He will advertise for us at moderate or lower rates.

JOHN D. BROWN, of Richmond, is our authorized agent for that city, to receive subscriptions to the "Vindicator," and other claims for the same.

The Agents of the "Vindicator" are a number of men in the South, who are advertising for us at moderate or lower rates.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The "Vindicator" has a wide-spread circulation in this and the adjoining States, and is a valuable medium for advertising. Circulating among business men, it finds great readers among those who will do the most.

Vindicator Advertisers.

All the accounts of the "Vindicator," made up to the 1st of July, 1859, have been placed in the hands of Mr. R. M. Gay, who can always be found in the room of the old Bell Tavern occupied by the gas establishment of Messrs. Waterhouse & Bowes. All receipts given him will be good against us. We hope all those persons know themselves to be indebted to us will call on us at the "Vindicator" office, or Mr. Gay, and settle.

The Slave Trade.

Nothing so appears a surer guarantee of the stability and probable permanence of the institution of slavery, than the revolution—radical in some places, partial everywhere—which has taken place in its favor. Men are now living who can remember when, throughout the world, even here in the Southern States of America, it was looked upon as a great, but necessary evil, and a cruel glaze at the writings and speeches of the founders of our Republic, will not fail to make apparent the fact, that all those great men considered slavery an evil, and its emancipation a desirable and certain accommodation.

But soon the revolution which had commenced in its favor, and the disastrous result of emancipation in the West Indies, convinced the South that, evil or good, it was something which they must content to endure. Since then, the change in the sentiment of the people has been so sure and speedy, that now, the world, with the exception of a few fanatics, has come to look upon the institution with leniency, and the people of the Southern States with affection and reverence. So decided has been the revolution in reference to this question, that the penal law making the prosecution of the African Slave Trade piracy, is the only remaining vestige of an ancient prejudice. We have never been able to appreciate the consistency of those who, believing slavery, as it exists in the South, to be morally right, yet denounce the slave trade—the mode in which that existence was created—an infamous traffic.

We have never been able to see anything heterogeneous and fallacy in the distinction drawn between the morality of purchasing a slave in Virginia to transport to Alabama, and the morality of buying a slave on the coast of Africa to bring to the United States, where he will be better fed, better clothed, and humanized and christianized. Therefore, condescendingly and devoutly believing the justification of slavery to be the most noble, humane and christian institution with which the master ever blessed a favored people, we are forced to the logical conclusion, that the slave trade, far from being an infamous traffic, is, on the other hand, all perfectly right, moral and proper. We would not be understood as an advocate of the slave trade, for although our moral and Christian duty would prompt us to sever the extension of this benevolent institution at any risk or cost, still we would not be willing to sacrifice the interests of the South to effect such an end; consequently, as we are not as yet convinced of the expediency we are opposed to the immediate re-opening of the slave trade.

But it was not our intention in this article to discuss the expediency or inexpediency, the right or wrong of re-opening the slave trade, but to add our voice to swell the cry of the aroused and enraged people of the South, for the repeal of that unjust, unconstitutional, and infamous law, which deserves the slave trade piracy. The reasons for the repeal of this law are two-fold. First, it cannot be enforced, for it is constantly trampled upon with scorn and impunity, and as a general rule, it is pernicious for any Legislator or Government to pass laws which, conflicting with public sentiment, are wholly disregarded and daily broken. And, secondly, its passage and its maintenance is an infamy in justice to the South. The Southern people have long enough borne with patience a law which stamps with the brand of piracy and outlawry the actions of their forefathers, and holding up to the eyes of the civilized world Southern slavery as an institution whose very lifeblood was streaked with a crime worthy of the gallows.

The Champion Steam Mill.

This mill, which has been in operation but a short time, promises to be a prosperous and useful enterprise, both to the stockholders and the people of this and the surrounding country. A Steam Mill at this central point, situated on the Railroad, which will probably extend to the Ohio, thus bridging all the produce of Western Virginia to market, through Staunton, will prove a powerful rival to the Richmond mills. If the stockholders could find it in their power to compete in price with Richmond. We were informed by one of the principals that out of fifty-five barrels of flour deposited at this mill, fourteen barrels were taken by Mr. Clegg & Son, a firm of New Englanders, the barrel were packed and sent to Boston, after destroying the contents of the same character in the State.

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