

Matters are looking better in Kansas, and there is a prospect that the evidence given by the glorious Republican demonstration of 1856, showing the determination of the North to oppose the extension of Slavery, will have the effect to win Kansas from the control of the Border-ruffian Democracy. The terrible flame of indignation which swept over the Free States, seems to have caused the unprincipled but cowardly propagandists of despotism to quail, and the thunder of popular opinion as expressed in the election returns of eleven of the Free States has arrested the hand of grim-visaged rapine, grasping the knife of the assassin and fratricide, and red with the blood of cruel murder.— We say such appears to be the case, yet we would warn the friends of Freedom against a feeling of premature security. The brand which scares the wolf does not always save the victim. While the flame glows and the light shines he shrinks into the shadows, but if the fire is suffered to burn low, and slumber veils the watchful eye, the sleeper will wake with the fangs of the cowardly but hungry brute in his throat. Baffled in their immediate aims for the time being, the emissaries of the Slave Power will seek to encourage a sense of false security, and endeavor in every way to withdraw the attention of the nation from the scene of their recent outrages. Kansas is not out of danger. The enormities of 1855-6 will be repeated and carried out there the moment the Border-ruffian Democracy can do it safely. They are as ready and eager to subjugate the Free State men as ever—fear alone has scared them from their prey.

A gentleman writing from Leavenworth to the *Boston Chronicle*, under date of Dec. 16th, says he had a conversation with a Virginian, who supposed him (the writer) "sound on the goose," in which some of the secrets were let out. He (the Virginian) said that Atchison was only "lying low" till Gov. Geary, by some unconstitutional act should "lay himself open," when all the influence, wealth and terrors of the Slave power would be brought to bear to remove him. The writer referred to says:

"He told me that Atchison said to him the other day—'The d—d nigger thieves think they've got Kansas; but they're d—dly sold, and they'll soon find it out.'

"I was informed by this gentleman that the present calm, the surrender of the arms taken at Lexington, and the departure of Col. Titus, are merely parts of a scheme to lull the excitement at the North—to give the allies of the South in the free States time enough to ridicule the fear that Kansas can be a slave State—and, that accomplished, to prepare a monster emigration from Missouri, Kentucky and Virginia, who will come, not as an army, but as actual settlers, just in time to outvote the Free State men. It is not improbable that, if Geary can be removed, the Missouri river will be blockaded next spring.

"They calculate that the Northern excitement, once lulled, or turned into another channel—will be irrevocably diverted from Kansas, and that they can then carry out their projects without fear of failure. The recent discussions of the revival of the African Slave Trade, &c., were merely so many efforts, said to my confiding Virginia acquaintance, to turn the attention of the fanatics to another quarter."

The writer avows himself "a Missourian, but not a propagandist, thank God!" The Virginian, whose name he gives, (Col. E. T. Newton,) knew him to be a Missourian, and took it for granted that he was not a "Free Soiler."

The letter concludes with the recommendation that the contributions of the East be made in money, and not in boxes of clothing, etc., which are not now needed as they can be bought, with better adaptation to each particular case, on the spot. He also strongly urges upon Northern capitalists to invest money in Kansas, as not only the surest method of securing the Territory to Freedom, but as being, also, a highly fruitful source of pecuniary profit. Addressing men of capital in the North, he says:

"Invest for your own interests; if you are rich already, and don't want more, then in Heaven's name invest for the interest of Freedom and Republican institutions which are at stake in this momentous struggle."