

**Would Not Frederick Douglass, Esq.,
President of the Late Freedmen's
Savings Bank, Serve His Colored
Brethren Better by Paying Them
Their Money Than Writing Political
Articles?**

EDITORS PLAIN DEALER:—An intemperate political article, bearing Frederick Douglass' signature, has lately been published. In it he claims to be acting for the poor colored people. An old writer says: "Not every one that *saieth* Lord, Lord, is accepted, but he that *doeth* the will of his Master."

Frederick Douglass was placed at the head of a bank chartered by a Republican congress to save for the poor freedmen their scanty savings. These poor, ignorant men and women looked to this bank as a child does to its parents. To cheat and rob these confiding people was a crime of no ordinary magnitude. Douglass' duty was plain: to invest their savings in government bonds. What did he do? The funds were *squandered and the freedmen left destitute*. Three poor depositors in his bank have committed suicide and their blood cries to Heaven for justice. How many more suffer I know not. Fred Douglass should first do justice to these poor people.

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