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a class not small, who, devoid themselves of the seen with one of his new friends yesterday. dollars upon the estimate before stated. One and the truth of his sacred word. energy necessary to achieve any noble enterprise, There is suspicions of a foul nature, connected millions of dollars applied annually, during a period We may boldly challenge the annals of human and affecting to penetrate with deeper sagacity with some who serve the police in subordinate of sixty or seventy years, would, at the end of it, nature, for the record of any human plan for the into the projects of others, pronounce their ulti- capacities. It is hinted that there may be those so completely drain the United States of all that melioration of the condition or advancement of mate failure, with self-complacency, and challenge in some authority, not altogether ignorant of these portion of their inhabitants, as not to leave many the happiness of our race, which promised more Unmoved by these erroneous and unfriendly views, guard.' and truth never fail to bring, has proceeded steadi- this quotation is made, appends the following relation and perseveringly in its great work. It has not marks: 'It is still fresh in the memories of all, feeling it, and which will soon not be requisite to nor to the prosperity of a solitary race, but emened union, among which I am happy to be able to state took place under our present constitution, of the American communities? What a vast less millions of their posterity, who are to succeed. mention our own, have been pleased to express and were taken through Virginia, the Carolinas, moral debt to Africa, to the world, and to our It appeals for aid and support to the friends of every denomination in the United States. It has Philadelphia were persons of intelligence, and sum? been countenanced and aided by that fair sex, after they had been driven through the country in This estimate does not comprehend any indem- imparts, although they have not always been able always acts from the generous impulses of pure from bondage. The persons who were guilty of nization. It is presumable that States or indivi- her boundless territory. And may we not indulge and uncorrupted hearts. And the society enrolls | this abominable transaction are known, and now | duals, no longer restrained from the execution of | the hope that, in a period of time not surpassing, account of a lamented death of one of them, which | generally aware of.' the grief which it produces.

no project of emancipation, no new chains for projects, if they are executed, are perfectly com- ber of fifty-six thousand, which has been sup- It powerfully appeals for support to patriotism and those who are unhappily in bondage, no scheme patible with its own, and it wishes them full posed. As the work of colonization advances, the humanity. If we were to invoke the greatest that is impracticable. It has no power, and it success. The more drains the better for this por- ability of the European race to promote it will in- blessing on earth, which Heaven, in its mercy, seeks none. It employs no compulsion, and it tion of our population. It would only deprecate crease, both from the augmentation of its numbers could not bestow on this nation, it would be the desires to employ none. It addresses itself solely | the result of a distraction of the public attention | and of its wealth, and the relative diminution of separation of the two most numerous races of its spontaneous grants, and all its means and agents | failure to concentrate the energies of the commu- gress of its execution, it will not be found a bur- distinct and distant countries. To say nothing of and objects are voluntary.

United States. That annual increase, estimated of time, for the persons of colour of the without a solitary attendant evil. according to the return of the last census, from United States. It possesses no advantage, either I could not discuss the question of the extent hensions? Who, if this promiscuous residence of the parent stock of 233,530, at a rate of augmenta- in the salubrity of its climate, or the fertility of lof the respective powers of the various govern- whites and blacks-of freemen and slaves-is fortion of 21 per cent. per annum, may be stated to its soil over the Western Coast of Africa. The ments of this Union, without enlarging this Ad- ever to continue, can imagine the servile wars, be 6,000. Estimating the whole expense of the productions of both countries are nearly the same. dress, already too much prolonged, in a most un- the carnage, and the crimes which will be its provoyage at \$20 per head, the total cost of their The expense of transportation to the aggregate of their bable consequences, without shuddering with hortransportation will be \$120,000. Is this sum of other, is nearly the same. The emigrants would total powers is fully adequate to the execution of ror? It finally appeals emphatically for aid and such an apalling amount as to transcend the be in a state of dependence on the present inhabi- the plan of colonization, in its greatest extent, is support to the reverend clergy and sincere pro-

free people of colour from the residue of the popu- and State Governments, is a question for them. in America, it would be entitled to the warmest within his reach. And when they die

'Memory o'er their tomb no trophies raise.'

go to the country of their forefathers, where, in is so desirable to void.

inherent depravity in their natural constitution, neither purpose nor power to extend them to the abolish slavery, and follow the example of Penn- superstition. It is destitute of the blessings both but from their unfortunate situation. Social inter- larger portion of that race held in bondage. sylvania, New York, and other States. Any of of christianity and civilization. The society is an course is a want which we are prompted to gratify Throughout the whole period of its existence this them can contribute some pecuniary aid to the instrument which, under the guidance of Provithey cannot obtain it in the better circle of society, establish its truth and sincerity. It is now renor always among themselves, they resort to peated, in its behalf, that the spirit of misreprecessary and expedient, they are competent to minions. And the means are as simple as the end slaves, and to the most debased and worthless of sentation may have no pretext for abusing the grant it. offences, are the consequences. Proprietors of stricted, the society is aware, and rejoices that imperfect sketch of what was contemplated by tions, and employ, as agents, some of the very slaves in whose neighbourhood any free coloured the principle of African colonization, which it has the American Colonization Society, to which you brethren of the heathen, sought to be converted, cities, bear frightful testimony to the dispropor- | tion to apply it.

behaviour.

nity on any one of them.

Why should such an unfortunate class desire to the Pacific, where it would again produce that of suppressing the infamous slave trade.

would 'stand redeemed, regenerated and disen- of planting a colony on the shores of Africa. straints upon emancipation, imposed from a pain- rican Colonization Society presents itself to the thralled by the mighty genius of universal eman- Its exertions have been confined exclusively to ful conviction that slavery, with all its undisputed religious world, as uniting those great advantages. the free coloured people of the United States, and ills, was better than manumission without remo- Almost all Africa is in a state of the deepest igno-The vices of this class do not spring from any to those of them who are willing to go. It has val. Such of them may as can, safely and justly, rance and barbarism, and addicted to idolatry and by all the proprieties of our nature. And, as disclaimer has been made, and incontestible facts object. And, if an enlargement of the constitu- dence, with public assistance, is competent to the whites. Corruption, and all the train of petty public ear. But, although its scheme is so re- I have thus, gentlemen, presented a faint and from the practice of previous missionary institufamily is situated, know how infectious and developed, admits of wider scope and more exten- form an auxiliary, of what it has done, and of and brought within the pale of civilization. The pernicions this intercourse is. And the penal sive application, by those states and private indi- what the principle of African colonization, which society proposes to send, not one or two pious records of the tribunals, especially in the large | viduals, who may have the power and the inclina- | it has successfully illustrated, is susceptible, with | members of christianity into a foreign land, among

believed that three or four have been stolen within | would be as forty to two-one which would eradi- | glory. Several centuries have now elapsed since as many days. A little negro boy came to this cate every cause of alarm or solicitude from the our forefathers first began, in the morasses of city from the country three or four days ago. breasts of the most timid. But the transportation James river, and on the rock of Plymouth, the Some strange white persons were very friendly of Africans, by creating, to the extent to which work of founding this republic, yet in its infancy. Frankfort, December 17, 1829, by the Hon. Henry Clay, to him, and yesterday morning he was mightly it might be carried, a vacuum in society, would Eighteen hundred years have rolled over since the pleased that they had given him some new clothes. tend to accelerate the duplication of the European | Son of God, our blessed Redeemer, offered him-And the persons pretending thus to be friend him, race, who, by all the laws of population, would self, on Mount Calvary, a voluntary sacrifice for entirely secured his confidence. This day he fill up the void space.' To transport to Africa the salvation of our species; and more than half There is, unfortunately, in every community, cannot be found. Nor can he be traced since fifty thousand persons, would cost one million of of mankind continue to deny his divine mission, by anticipation, the merit of prophetic wisdom. diabolical practices. Let the public be on their more than those few who are objects of curiosity unmixed good, or more comprehensive benefiin the countries of Europe. And is that sum, cence, than that of African colonization, if carthe society, trusting to the vindication which time To which the editor of the paper from which part of what the United States now ried into full execution. Its benevolent purpose been deceived. It has every where found some that a cargo or rather drove of negroes was made the extinction of the national debt, capable of braces two of the largest quarters of the earth, and generous patrons and ardent friends. The legis- up from this city and Philadelphia, about the time producing any suffering or creating any impedi- the peace and happiness of both of the descriplatures of more than half the states of this enlight- that the emancipation of all the negroes in this ment in the execution of other great social objects tions of their present inhabitants, with the counttheir approbation of the scheme. It has conci- and Tennessee, and disposed of in the state of common God, should we not discharge by the liberty here and every where. The colonists, liated the cordial support of the pious clergy of Mississippi. Some of those who were taken from creation of a new sinking fund of such a paltry reared in the bosom of this republic, with a per-

which is ever prompt to contribute its exertions in | chains, and disposed of by sale on the Mississippi, | nity to the owners of slaves for their value, if | themselves to share them, will carry a recollection works of charity and benevolence, because it wrote back to their friends, and were rescued they are to be purchased for the purpose of colo- of it to Africa, plant it there, and spread it over amongst its members and patrons, some of the reside in the state of North Carolina, and very their benevolent wish to contribute their endea- in duration, that of our own colonial and national most distinguished men of our country, in its probably may be engaged in similar enterprises vors to blot out this great stain upon the Ameri- existence, we shall behold a confederation of relegislative, executive and judicial councils. -We at the present time-at least there is reason to can name, by the consideration of the difficulty of publican states, on the western shores of Africa, should be guilty of an unpardonable omission, believe, that the system of kidnapping free persons a suitable provision for liberated slaves, when like our own, with their Congress and annual if we did not on this occasion, mingle our regrets of colour from the northern cities, has been they perceive the plan of colonization in success- legislatures thundering forth in behalf of the rights with those of the whole people of these states, on carried on more extensively than the public are ful operation, will voluntarily manumit many for of man, and making tyrants tremble on their the purpose of their emigration. One of the latest | thrones? It appeals for aid and support to the has recently occurred. He was the President of Whilst the concurrence is unanimous as to the numbers of the National Intelligencer states the friends of civilization throughout the world. Afthe American Colonization Society from its origin | propriety of the separation of the free coloured | fact, that a recent offer has been made of 2,000 | rica, although a portion of it was among the first and throughout the entire period of its existence. race, and their removal to some other country, if slaves to the Society, to be sent to Liberia, which to emerge from barbarism, is now greatly in the Like the Father of his country, his illustrious it be practicable, opinions are divided as to the the want of funds alone prevents its accepting. If rear of all the continents, in knowledge, and in relative, whose name he bore and whose affection most proper place of their destination. Some the reasoning before employed, founded upon the the arts and sciences. America owes to the old he enjoyed, he was mild and gentle, firm and prefer Hayti, others to set apart a district beyond | decline, in value, of that description of property, | world a debt of gratitude for the possession of patriotic. The bench, of which he was an orna- the Rocky Mountains, within the limits of the be correct, many will be disposed to emancipate them. Can she discharge it in any more suitable ment, and the bar, of which he was the delight, territory of the United States, whilst much the from less disinterested motives. From some, or manner, than that of transplanting them on a part feeling his great loss, deeply share with us all in larger number concur in the superior advantage of all of these sources, and from the free coloured of its own soil, by means of its own sons, whose the plan of the American Colonization Society. population, an amount may be annually obtained ancestors were torn by fraud and violence from The society presents to the American public | The society opposes no other scheme. All other | for the purposes of colonization, equal to the num- | their native home, and thrown here into bondage? to the understanding; its revenue flows from amidst a variety of proposals, and a consequent the negro race. And, in the course of the pro- population, and their comfortable establishment in then some appropriation of some of the revenue of the greatest difficulty in the formation of our pre-The society believes it is within the compass | Hayti is objectionable as the sole place of the United States, to purchase slaves, sent happy constitution, which arose out of this of reasonable exertions to transport annually to removal, on various accounts. It is too limited in if colonists cannot otherwise be obtained. Mean- mixed condition of our people, nothing of the disthe colony of Liberia, a number of free persons of its extent. Although a large island, containing while, it affords cause of the sincerest gratifica- tracting Missouri question, which was so threatcolour, with their own voluntary consent, equal considerable quantities of unsettled land, it is in- tion, that, in whatever extent the scheme of Afri- ening; nothing of others, springing from the same to the annual increase of all that class in the competent as an asylum, during any great length can colonization is executed, good is attained, fruitful source, which yet agitate us, who can con-

ability of the people of the United States? | tants of the island, who have more intelligence | incontestible. How those powers have, in fact, | fessors of our holy religion. If the project did not All admit the utility of the separation of the and have made greater advances in civilization, been divided and distributed between the General look beyond the happiness of the two races now lation of the United States, if it be practicable. ment. They speak a different language. It should selves to decide after careful investigation and full encouragement. If it were confined to the remo-United States and for the white race. Here in | consider the predominant power of the island, and | are some things which each system is competent | would deserve all their patronage. Within those vincible prejudices exclude them from the enjoy. its vicinity to the Southern states, to add strength to perform, towards the accomplishment of the restrictions, how greatly would it not contribute ment of the society of the whites, and deny them to it. And finally Hayti is destitute of some of great work. The General Government can treat to promote the cause of virtue and morality, and, all the advantages of freemen. The bar, the those high moral considerations which belong to with foreign Powers for the security of the colo- consequently, religion? But it presents a much talents however great, no piety however pure and also objectionable on several grounds. The ex- territory. It may provide in the colony an asylum | table globe, for religious and benevolent exertion. cents, and behold the triumphs, of a liberty which | than to Africa. They would be thrown into the | support and protection, as it has done. And it | and pious professors, to diffuse its blessings by here they can never enjoy. In all the walks of midst of Indian tribes, to whom they are as may employ portions of our navy, whilst engaged converting the heathen. This duty is enjoined by pursues and arrests them, paralyzing all the ener. | quence; and the United States would be bound to | stations, to transport emigrants from the United | or less employed on this object, at this moment, in gies of the soul, and repressing every generous incur great expense in defending them and pre- States to the colony. Can a nobler service, in some part or other of the earth. But it must, in

remain among us? Why should they not wish to very contact between discordant races which it Any of the States may apply, in their proper gies and endeavors, and avoiding loss in their difspheres, the powers which they possess and the fuse and uncombined application, shall insure the the language of the eloquent Irish barrister, they | The society has demonstrated the practicability | means at their command. They may remove re- attainment of more cheering results. The Ame-

due encouragement and adequate means, in the a different, and, perhaps, a suspicious race, of tionate number of crimes committed by the free The slave population of the United States, hands of competent authority. We ought not to another complexion, but to transport, annually, people of colour. The evil of their increase in according to the last returns of their census, as be disheartened by the little which has been ac- for an indefinite number of years, in one view of those cities is so enormous as to call loudly for was shown more in detail, on another occasion, complished in the brief space of thirteen years, its scheme, six thousand, in another, fifty-six effective remedy. It has been so sensibly felt in increased in a ratio of about 46,000 per annumn. during which it has existed, or the magnitude and thousand missionaries, of the descendants of Afria neighbouring city (Cincinnati) as to require, It may, perhaps, now be estimated at not less difficulties of the splendid undertaking which lies ca itself, with the same interests, sympathies, and in the opinion of the public authorities, the en- than 50,000. It was said on that occasion: 'Let before us. In the execution of those vast schemes | constitutions of the natives, to communicate the forcement of the vigorous measure of expulsion us suppose, for example, that the whole popula- which affect the condition and happiness of large benefits of our religion, and of the arts. And this of all who could not give guaranties of their good tion at present of the United States is twelve portions of the habitable globe, time is necessary, colony of missionaries is to operate not alone by millions, of which ten may be estimated of the which may appear to us mortals of long duration, preaching the doctrines of truth and of revelation, Their congregation in our great capitals has Anglo Saxon, and two of the African race. If but which, in the eyes of Providence, or in com- which, however delightful to the ears of the faithgiven rise to a new crime, perpetuated by unprin- there could be annually transported from the parison with the periods of national existence, is ful and intelligent, are not always comprehended cipled whites, and of which persons of that un- United States, an amount of the African portion short and fleeting. How long was it after Romu- by untutored savages, but also by works of occuhappy coloured race are the victims. A New equal to the annual increase of the whole of that lus and Remus laid the scanty foundations of lar demonstration. It will open forests, build York paper, of the 27th ult. but lately fell into cast, whilst the European race should be left to their little state in the contracted limits of the Pe- towns, erect temples of public worship, and pracmy hands, in which I found the following articles: | multiply, we should find, at the termination of | ninsula of Italy, before Imperial Rome burst forth | tically exhibit to the native sons of Africa the Beware of kidnappers! It is well understood that the period of duplication, whatever it may be, in all her astonishing splendour, the acknowledged beautiful moral spectacle, and the superior advanthere is at present in this city, a gang of kidnap- that relative proportions would be as twenty to mistress of the world? Ages passed away before tages of our religious and social systems. In this pers, busily engaged in their vocation of stealing two. And if the process were continued, during Carthage and other colonies, in ancient times, unexaggerated view of the subject, the colony, coloured children for the Southern market! It is a second term or duplication, the population shone out in all their commercial and military compared with other missionary plans, presents

fect knowledge of all the blessings which freedom template the future without the most awful appre-It is desirable for them, for the slaves of the not be the policy of the United States, when they deliberation. We may safely assume that there val, only, of the free coloured population, it pulpit, and our legislative halls are shut to them, by the irresistible force of public sentiment. No The country west of the Rocky Mountains, is African princes or states, for the acquisition of confines of one of the largest quarters of the habidevoted, no patriotism however ardent, can secure | pense of transportation of emigrants to it, whether | for natives of Africa introduced into the United | Throughout the entire existence of christianity, it their admission. They constantly hear the ac- by sea or land, would be incomparably greater | States in contravention to their laws, and for their has been a favourite object of its ardent disciples society, on every road which lies before others incongruous as with the whites. Bloody and in practising to acquire the needful discipline and its own sacred precepts, and prompted by consito honour and fame and glory, a moral incubus exterminating wars would be the certain conse- skill, or in proceeding to their appointed cruizing derations of humanity. All Christendom is more emotion of laudable ambition. Their condition is serving peace, be performed by the national flag candour, be owned that, hitherto, missionary efworse than that of the fabled Tantalus, who could ropean race which rose on the borders of the than that of transporting, under its stars and stripes forts have not had a success corresponding, in never grasp the fruits and water which seemed Atlantic, swept over the Alleghany mountains, to the land of their ancestors, the sons of injured extent, with the piety and benevolence of their reached the Mississippi, and ascended the two Africa, there to enjoy the blessings of our pure aim, or with the amount of the means which have great rivers which unite near St. Louis, will at no religion and a real liberty? It can employ the been applied. Some new and more efficacious distant day pass the Rocky mountains, and strike | colony as the best and most efficacious instrument | mode of accomplishing the beneficent purpose, must be devised, which, by concentrating eneris grand and magnificent. They are to deviate