

By looking at the different Censuses 1790 to 1830
it will be perceived that whilst, the white population
and the slave population in the state have remained
stationary or nearly so - the free negro population has
gone on to double itself or very nearly so in some ten
years!! - Hence the inevitable tendency of Maryland
to become, without legislative restriction a free negro
State - The causes of this tendency will be found in
our ^{southern} climate the circumstance of being a border State
& the conviction on the part of ^{many} people that free
white labour is cheaper & better than slave labour.
items which have heretofore been brought to view.
= That the door to ^{the} return to Maryland should be shut against
all slaves from the South is a measure obvious to all who
will take the trouble, or who are capable of looking but a few
years into the future; that tide of emigration which is
now rushing to the South with almost the vehemence
of a cataract, will ^{perhaps not far distant} some day or other flow
back again. It is a singular fact that ^{chiefly suspected} some emigrants from
Maryland to Florida only a few years since petitioned the
Legislature ^{at the last Session} to bring back to the State free of tax the
slaves identical slaves he had recently taken away
& ^{he} thought it very hard he could not be permitted to
do so - He however came back bringing his slaves
with him. - He thought on looking round him in Florida
it was not a suitable place to plant his ^{rising} family as
a permanent residence - How wise ~~and fortunate~~ ^{and fortunate his escape}
was his determination ^{since} for the very neighbourhood he
left has been overrun & laid waste by a band of
Savages & negroes!! Assassinations it is known
have been & can again be gotten up in the strongest
communities, and it is not sufficient at all times
to know, that these miscreants will in the end meet
the inevitable fate of extermination. The ignorant
cannot know this or they would not be moved to such hellish
purposes - the timid, the cautious and the prudent
will ^{on the other hand} be long & long counsel of their apprehensions &
be looking back to a place of more perfect security.
The increasing disparity between the white & the black population
of the South cannot, we would presume to think, be viewed