

From the *Carolina Spartan*.

### INSUBORDINATION OF NEGROES.

We receive by the Virginia papers, that, within the last three months, a greater degree of insolence and resistance has been manifested by the negroes in every portion of the State, to the authority of their masters and overseers, when anything is demanded of them; and in the settlement of the courts, such is the laxity of punishment generally, that the negroes are often the victors. *The Frederick Herald* says it knows of several instances of this kind referred to. Some negroes will not be punished by their owners, and go so far as to resist punishment from that quarter. The servants in the kitchen teach their children that the relative distinction of Master and slave does not of right exist, and henceforth the word Mister is to be used instead of Master; and instead of addressing them as heretofore known as father and mother among the blacks, require their children to call them Mister. This is no great thing in itself; but it is a sign of the times, and shows conclusively, that in the progress of the times, the negroes are making progress. The same paper says that it is now a question presented as to which color shall use the side-arms which give way. We also learn from our reports, that in the border States, there is very much a stampede among the negroes—large numbers going off together.

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...in the name of common sense, a common  
...and a common fate, how can the people of the  
...States be so blind as not to see that this  
...insubordination of the slaves is one of the  
...weaknesses of the existing Union of slaveholding  
...slaveholding States? A Union of those  
...and live by slavery, with those who hate  
...—yes, a Union of those who would fight  
...with those who would, and are now fighting  
...To us it seems that the Union, so far  
...desirable, has now become unsafe, un-  
...and dishonorable; and in the end, will  
...to the institution of slavery. We value  
...more than we do the Union, and in choosing  
...in the settlement of this question,  
...prefer a Northern man to a negro. View-  
...then as we do—the very essence of our  
...moral and civil life; and looking upon the  
...hateful instrument of its final overthrow,  
...—we believe it would be to the best  
...of the South, to dissolve their existing con-  
...with the North. And the sooner the better.

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