

THE SERVILE INSURRECTION.—The intelligence from Harper's Ferry has created an excitement in our community and throughout the whole length and breadth of the country that has scarcely been equalled by any preceding occurrence of the present century. The palpable absurdity of the whole movement was so apparent to every intelligent mind that few could be found to believe the first rumored accounts received from the seat of the disturbance. Even the northern papers placed no faith in the statement that it was a movement of abolitionists, and cautioned their readers against placing any credence in the alleged motive of the leaders of the outbreak. Nothing but a wild fanaticism, amounting almost to insanity, could account for twenty men combining together in such a fool-hardy enterprise, but it is that species of reckless folly that requires summary justice as a warning to others.

The poor slaves who have been induced by the representations of these wicked men to involve themselves in a difficulty of so serious a character, are the only ones connected with it deserving of any sympathy. It is thus that these unprincipled and pretended philanthropists are ever more closely riveting the chains they pretend to desire to loosen, requiring masters as a means of safety to restrict their liberty or sell them to southern dealers, beyond the reach of their tampering.

The slave population of the region of country in which this outbreak was located is very large, and no doubt an immense stampede was calculated upon by these fanatics. The following was the relative population at the last census:

	Whites.	Slaves.
Loudoun County, Va.....	16,433	5,641
Jefferson "	11,016	4,241
Berkley "	9,815	1,956
Frederick "	18,681	2,294
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	50,950	14,232
Frederick County, Md.....	87,074	8,913
Washington "	28,754	2,090
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	65,830	6,003

Thus it will be seen that within twenty miles of Harper's Ferry there is not less than 20,000 slaves, of whom probably 5000 are men.—*Baltimore American of Tuesday.*