

"How Slaves Love their Masters," Akron (OH) *Summit County Beacon*, June 13, 1861

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It has often been said that the slaves have such an undying affection for their masters, that they will not only not leave them, but that in case of war, they will fight for them to the bitter end. This is beautifully exemplified by the general stampede of the Virginia chattels to Fort Monroe and other points, and by the following incident which we clip from the correspondence of the *New York Times*:

“One man, a Mr. Jones, had twenty slaves, all but one of whom left him, and sought refuge in the fort. This last chattel was devoted affectionately to ole massa, and declared he loved him. “I’ll neber leab yer, massa, nebber!” swore this chattel, a very promising sable, “I’ll stick to my ole massa ’longs I lib!” and master and man left together for the interior. Next morning, when massa rose to proceed on his journey, his devoted property had decamped for the North, taking with him massa’s horse, and neither Cuffee nor the horse, have since been heard from.”

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