

**RUNAWAYS.**—We noticed last week that a sort of stampede had taken place among the blacks, in the neighborhood of Dover, and that it was suspected that white men were concerned in inducing slaves, in that locality, to leave their masters. In this, we were not mistaken. A meeting was held on Saturday last at Dover, the object of which was to institute strict inquiry in the matter, which, we are told, resulted in a conviction on the part of the meeting, that slaves had been tampered with by a party of pedlers who have their headquarters in, or about Dover. It was shown that these men had not only afforded negroes money upon which to make their escape, but had also furnished them with maps, with the road to be traveled marked out, with such other directions and information as they deemed useful to runaways. Under these circumstances the men were ordered by the meeting to leave the county speedily, which, we understand, they declined to do. Another meeting is appointed for Saturday next, at the same place, at which time, should these renegades be found still in the county, they will be again requested to leave. Some of the negroes that we noticed as having absconded last week, have been arrested; others are still at large.

We hope that the good people of Dover, and its vicinity, will do nothing rash in the premises, but that they will promptly expel these intruders by force of public opinion, and no longer tolerate them in or around the place. This is what ought to be done, for the scamp who comes amongst us by favor to earn a living, and then turns his attention to tampering with private property, should at once be dismissed—peaceably if possible, but forcibly if no other alternative offers.

P. S.—Since writing the above, we hear that both the slaves belonging to S. W. Warren and Joseph Carter, have been arrested. They were found on the other side of the Missouri, a short distance below. One of the men resisted and was shot before he was taken, but, it is thought, not so as to endanger his life.—[Lex. Ex.]