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"The war has dispelled one delusion of the Abolitionists. The negroes regard them as enemies instead of friends. No insurrection has occurred in the South—no important stampede of slaves has evinced their desire for freedom. On the contrary, they have jeered at and insulted our troops, have readily enlisted in the rebel army, and on Sunday, at Manassas, shot down our men with as much alacrity as if abolition had never existed.— These are the creatures for whose sake Lovejoy, Chandler and Pomeroy are agitating the nation, and to whom they would unconditionally extend the privilege of freedom. A more abject, treacherous race never lived on the face of the earth.—*Chicago Times*.

The contrabands who took refuge in Fortress Monroe, are now said to have been spies sent forward by Magruder, who have kept up secret communication with him, and supplied him with information.

How is it, there is a population in Virginia, black or white, that sympathizes with us, that there was not some one to give information at Washington of the state of the defences at Manassas and Bull's Run ?