

SLAVE TRADE.

To the honor of South Carolina be it known, that the following is a correct list of all the imported slaves advertised in *one Charleston paper*, of the 15th inst.

May	1. Zanzibar slaves	230
	2. Mandingo negroes	241
	12. Young negroes	75
	15. Gold Coast slaves	194
	Total	740

Seven hundred and forty slaves exposed to sale within the short period of fifteen days?

Let it be noted too how their ingenious avarice has given a new range to their depredations. The *western* coast of Africa no longer able to glut their "curled thirst for gold," they have struck up a trade with the *East*. The 230 slaves in the foregoing list are from *Zanzibar*, on the Eastern coast of Africa, said to be the natives of the Gendo, Mocoa, and Swahytie tribes. They are much esteemed by the planters of Mauritius.

It is a folly to dwell upon the morality, the injustice, the crying sin of this abominable traffic; but is it not surprising that avarice should be a stronger principle than self-preservation? Know not the inhabitants of South-Carolina, how many enemies they are introducing to their own bosom? They had enough of them before; why are they adding to their number? Do they recollect the execrable warfare the British were desirous of carrying on against us during the revolution! They raised the Indian tomahawk upon our borders; but there was an enemy in our bosom, whom they attempted to raise into rebellion.—*They completely failed* but for what reason? Are the people of S. Carolina ignorant that the same course is to be pursued by the very next European enemy, who invades us? On what point, think they, will this descent be made? Will it be to the North or to the South? Suppose a French army were to land amongst the Southern inhabitants; we would meet them; there is little doubt that our patriotism would triumph over this worse than Russian coalition; but the time would then have come for learning this melancholy truth, that the strength of a state is not always increased by an increased population. But why should we only learn this lesson under the serule and the lash?—Had any of the Germanic States thus willingly weakened the military resources of the whole, it is not ungenerous to say, that she would have deserved to have been *put under the Bann of the Empire*.

It is known that the constitution positively prevents Congress from prohibiting the *slave trade*, till the year 1808. When the time arrives, let the most solemn and irrevocable prohibition be put upon it. A law of Congress might prevent it; but another Congress more corrupt than they, might *possibly* change it. Let it then be placed even beyond *their* control. Let it be solemnly engrafted in the body of the constitution itself, that the slave trade is to be no more.

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