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from the Free States; when such a person is compelled to make so flattering statements as the subjoined, there is no necessity for our friends offering any *extra inducements* to freemen to become citizens of Kansas. It may be well to premise that the cost of hiring Prairie land broken up, will be about three dollars per acre; and we understand that individuals, suitably prepared, and acquainted with the business, purpose pursuing it as a vocation; so that what Gen. Stringfellow deems an insuperable difficulty in the way of New England and Western farmers, can easily be obviated; and where no one can be hired, resort will be had to the very common practice, of which he seems ignorant, of doubling, or trebling teams, and thus mutually aiding one another.\* He says:—

“The greatest difficulty is in the command of the requisite labor—the hands and team necessary to break and enclose the land. To one who has this, it is far easier and cheaper to make a farm of one hundred acres, ~~on the best and most fertile soil~~ <sup>and fertility of</sup> KANZAS Territory, and thereby allured people to migrate thither, who, had the truth been fitly spoken, would never have wandered from their homes,—and as the allegation is made, not only by those openly opposed to our movements, but by many, in our very midst, who covertly side with the enemy, or are led astray by the disheartening statements of returned discontented ones, we subjoin the opinions of two other writers, whose character and standing are vouched for by pro-slavery presses.

The first extracts subjoined, are from a letter written by a gentleman at Platte City, Mo., Nov. 30th. 1855, and addressed to a friend in Georgia. That there may be no mistake as regards his hostility to us, we copy a portion of his second paragraph.

“I live in sight of Kansas. My first two children were born there. You are aware that on the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, New England rose in her wrath, and her societies and committees forth-

\* An individual who went out with the second Party, which left here in Aug. '54, writes under date of Feb. '57,—“The best breaking team I ever saw or used, for cheapness, is a 12 inch Moline plough, revolving cutter. With two yoke of oxen, (no teamster is needed,) it will break an acre in eight hours.”